



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES**  
 Bureau for Public Health  
 Commissioner's Office

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**ORDER REGARDING 64 CSR 7**

The Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health (the Bureau) has determined that due to an outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and subsequent declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor, that the outbreak constitutes a public health emergency, that it requires public health follow up, and that the collection of data or other information on the disease can assist in determining the need for or effectively implementing public health programs to protect and promote the health of the people of West Virginia.

Further, that on March 5, 2020, the Commissioner entered an Order amending the Legislative Rule titled *Reportable Diseases, Events and Conditions* to include the COVID-19 as a Category I.A. reportable disease in accordance with W. Va. Code R. §64-7-3.3.b.

And now, based upon the foregoing, in accordance with the provisions of W. Va. Code §§16-3-1 *et seq.* and W. Va. Code R. §64-7-3.1.a, which authorize the Commissioner to add or delete a disease or condition in any category of the rule, the Commissioner does hereby ORDER as follows:

1. That in accordance with W. Va. Code R. §64-7.3.1.c., all required reporters shall report to the Bureau, in the manner prescribed by the Commissioner, any death of a COVID-19 positive patient as a condition;
2. That this ORDER shall be effective immediately upon its filing with the Office of the Secretary of State; and
3. That the ORDER shall be made as an Appendix to W. Va. Code R. §64-7-1 *et seq.* until such time as the Legislature amends the rule series pursuant to W. Va. Code §§29A-3-1 *et seq.*

ENTERED THIS DATE:

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