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TEMPORARY ORDER OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INFECTION CAUSING DEATH

Pursuant to G.S. 130A-141.1, the State Health Director hereby issues a TEMPORARY ORDER requiring physicians licensed to practice medicine in this State to report suspected or confirmed novel coronavirus infections causing death. This order is based upon a finding that reports of novel coronavirus infections causing death are necessary for surveillance of a communicable disease that presents a danger to the public health. The report is required to be made within 24 hours when a death due to novel coronavirus infection is reasonably suspected or confirmed to have occurred. The physician shall make the report to the local health director of the county or district in which the patient resides. The local health director shall immediately report the death to the Division of Public Health. This order does not modify or supersede the order issued on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. This order is effective Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and expires in 90 days.

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