NORTH Dakota | Governor Doug Burgum

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-06

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump issued a declaration of national emergency due to the growing COVID-19 crisis in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, a state of emergency was declared by Governor Doug Burgum on March 13, 2020, in response to the public health crisis resulting from COVID-19; Executive Order 2020-03 activated the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP), implementing appropriate response and recovery actions and future mitigation measures; and,

WHEREAS, with the guidance and assistance of the State Health Officer and the Director of Emergency Operations, the State is actively responding to the crisis and working to gather, coordinate, and deploy goods, services, professionals and volunteers of all types and kinds; and,

WHEREAS, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in North Dakota and continue to spread; and,

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, to protect and save lives, it is necessary and reasonable to accelerate the social distancing recommendations issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and the North Dakota Department of Health; and,

WHEREAS, based on the rapidly changing circumstances in this State, it is necessary to limit the movement of individuals in the State, and control the occupancy and use of buildings and premises, as well as non-essential congregate settings to respond to the threats to public health and safety, in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

NOW THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution and North Dakota Century Code 37-17.1, and in consultation with the State Health Officer and the Director of Emergency Services, in an effort to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the State hereby order:

1. Effective at 12:00 p.m., Friday March 20, all restaurants, bars, breweries, cafes and similar on-site dining establishments are closed to on-sale/on-site patrons; take-out, delivery, curbside, drive-through or off-sale services may continue; this requirement will continue through Monday, April 6, 2020.
2. Effective at 12:00 p.m., Friday March 20, all recreational facilities, health clubs, athletic facilities and theaters, including movie theater and music or entertainment venues are directed to close and cease operations; This requirement will continue through Monday April 6, 2020.
3. All state agencies and offices are directed to accelerate the transition of non-essential staff members to remote, in-home worksite; this requirement will

continue until Monday, April 6, 2020.

4. Access to the North Dakota Capitol will be limited to by-appointment only, effective immediately, continuing until Monday, April 6, 2020. Access to all other state facilities will be limited to by-appointment only effective Friday, March 20, 2020, continuing until Monday, April 6, 2020.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

This order will become effective immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the declared state of emergency, except as noted otherwise.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 19th day of March, 2020.

Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State