Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN PERSONS ABOUT EXPOSURE TO 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**

**Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health-Gen. §§ 2-104, 18-102, 18-103, 18-205, 18-902(3), and 18-904**

I, Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health, finding it necessary for the prevention and control of 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("SARS-CoV-2") and control the spread of the disease that it causes – Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") and for the protection of emergency medical service clinicians, firefighters, law enforcement personnel, correctional officers, and other persons identified in §§ 18-213, 18-213.1 and 18-213.2 of the Health-General Article, hereby issue this Order and Directive ("Order") regarding notice to those persons.

1. This Directive and Order replaces and supersedes the Directive and Order of March 16, 2020 regarding Notification of Certain Persons about Exposure to 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

2. To protect emergency medical service clinicians, firefighters, law enforcement personnel, correctional officers, and other persons identified in sections 18-213, 18-213.1 and 18-213.2 of the Health-General Article, I direct that SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 shall be added to the list of contagious diseases and viruses in section 18-213(a)(2), 18-213.1(a)(4), and 18-213.2(a)(4) for the duration of the public health emergency caused by SARS-CoV-2.

3. I further direct that, effective on the date of this Order, the emergency medical service clinicians, firefighters, law enforcement personnel, correctional officers, and other persons identified in sections 18-213, 18-213.1 and 18-213.2 of the Health-General Article shall receive the notice required by those sections in the event of their exposure to SARS-CoV-2 for the duration of the public health emergency caused by COVID-19's spread in the State.

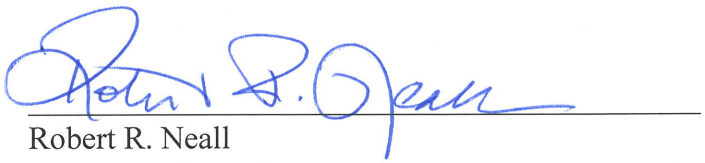
4. I further direct that, effective on the date of this Order, the agencies employing the emergency medical service clinicians, firefighters, law enforcement personnel, correctional officers, and other persons identified in sections 18-213, 18-213.1 and 18-213.2 of the Health-General

Article shall receive notice of any negative test results for individuals with whom they had contact and about whom they were notified of a possible exposure to SARS-CoV-2.

5. I further direct that the State-designated health information exchange, the Chesapeake Regional Information System for Our Patients, Inc. ("CRISP") shall notify the infection control officers of Jurisdictional EMS Operational Programs, as defined in COMAR 30.01.01.02(b)(17), of specific EMS clinicians who have come in contact, through EMS transport or treatment, with patients with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 for the duration of the public health emergency caused by SARS-CoV-2.

6. I further direct that, to the extent feasible, CRISP, shall notify the agencies employing the firefighters, law enforcement personnel, correctional officers, and other persons identified in §§ 18-213, 18-213.1 and 18-213.2 of the Health-General Article of specific individuals who have come in contact through performing their job responsibilities with patients with laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 for the duration of the public health emergency caused by SARS-CoV-2.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 30TH DAY OF MARCH 2020 AND IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



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Secretary of Health