GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

# STATE OF ARIZONA

# EXECUTIVE ORDER

**Executive Order 2020-23**

**Enhanced Surveillance Advisory**
**COVID-19**

**WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, I issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-787 in response to the global pandemic created by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 23, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-13, *Enhanced Surveillance Advisory - COVID-19,* to collect specific information from hospitals in order to determine the staffing, resources and capacity available to combat COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 7, 2020, globally there were 1,347,803 total confirmed cases and 74,807 total deaths related to COVID-19, and the situation is rapidly evolving with person-to-person transmission and continued transmission in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the March 23, 2020 Enhanced Surveillance Advisory stated that the orders could be revised at any time by the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Department of Health Services has recommended that additional data is needed to continue addressing the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it is necessary and appropriate to revise the original Enhanced Surveillance Advisory to ensure that the state has all available information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** this information is essential for planning and executing public health emergency assessment, mitigation, preparedness response and recovery to ensure that COVID-19 is stopped and that the residents of Arizona remain safe and healthy; and

**WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 pandemic in Arizona justifies the issuance of an additional Enhanced Surveillance Advisory pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-782(A); and

**WHEREAS,** I have been informed that the Department of Health Services either has or will comply with notification requirements of A.R.S. § 36-782.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, including but not limited to Title 36, Chapter 6, Article 9, and after consultation with the Director of the Arizona Department

of Health Services, in addition to the data reporting requirements outlined in Executive Order 2020-13, do hereby order:

1. Pursuant to the Enhanced Surveillance Advisory and A.R.S. § 36-782(B)(4), the Arizona Department of Health Services and local health authorities may access confidential patient information, including medical records, wherever and by whomever held, whether or not patient identity is known, including health information held by Health Current in its capacity as the statewide health information exchange.

2. Pursuant to the Enhanced Surveillance Advisory and A.R.S. § 36-782(B)(1) and (4), 36-783(A), (D) and (F), and 36-787(A), a hospital, as defined in Arizona Administrative Code R9-10-101, shall report the following through EMResource or alternative form to the Arizona Department of Health Services every twenty-four hours:
    - Number of inpatient COVID-19 positive or patients with suspected COVID-19;
    - Number of ventilators in use by COVID-19 positive patients or patients with suspected COVID-19;
    - Number of ICU beds in use by COVID-19 positive patients or patients with suspected COVID-19;
    - Number of COVID-19 positive patients or patients with suspected COVID-19 discharged from the facility per day;
    - Number of COVID-19 positive patients or patients with suspected COVID-19 seen in the Emergency Department per day;
    - Number of intubations performed per day for respiratory distress;
    - Estimated number of N95 masks used per day;
    - Estimated number of surgical masks used per day;
    - Estimated number of face shields used per day; and
    - Estimated number of surgical gowns used per day.

4. Pursuant to the Enhanced Surveillance Advisory and A.R.S. § 36-782(B)(5) and (E) and 36-786, the Arizona Department of Health Services and local health authorities, to the extent possible, shall share personnel, equipment, materials, supplies and other resources to assist in the implementation of this Enhanced Surveillance Advisory.

5. This Enhanced Surveillance Advisory is in addition to the Enhanced Surveillance Advisory issued in Executive Order 2020-13 and in no way rescinds or terminates the data reporting requirements outlined in Executive Order 2020-13.

6. The orders contained herein may be revised at any time by the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services and shall automatically terminate after sixty days, unless renewed.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Douglas A. Ducey

**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventh day of April in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

**ATTEST**:

**Secretary of State**