



AMENDED DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING VARIOUS HEALTHCARE MATTERS

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health-Gen. §§ 2-104, 18-102, 18-103, 18-205, 18-902, 18-904, Public Safety § 14-3A-03, COMAR 10.06.01.06A

No. MDH 2023-04-18-01

With the end of the Federal Public Health Emergency and continued push to make COVID-19 operations a part of routine operations in Maryland’s healthcare system, I, Laura Herrera Scott, Secretary of Health, finding it necessary for the continued prevention and control of 2019 Novel Coronavirus and the disease that it causes (“SARS-CoV-2” or “2019-NCoV” or “COVID-19”), and for the protection of the health and safety of patients, staff, and other individuals in Maryland, hereby authorize and order the following actions for the prevention and control of the spread of this infectious and contagious disease that endangers public health in this State.

This Amended Directive and Order replaces and supersedes the Directives and Orders Regarding Various Healthcare Matters, dated January 18, 2023, June 27, 2022, December 15, 2021, December 10, 2021, June 15, 2021, April 28, 2021, March 09, 2021, February 11, 2021, January 28, 2021, December 17, 2020, December 1, 2020, November 17, 2020, November 10, 2020, October 1, 2020, August 6, 2020, July 1, 2020, June 19, 2020, June 12, 2020, May 19, 2020, May 6, 2020, April 5, 2020, March 23, 2020; and the Directive and Order regarding Availability of Testing dated March 20, 2020; and rescinds the Directive and Order Regarding Office of Health Care Quality Oversight Activities, dated March 16, 2020.

COVID-19 TESTING

1. Testing

A. Point of Care Testing

- i. Point of Care COVID-19 testing devices, which have been given FDA emergency-use authorization (EUA) for COVID-19 antigen or molecular testing are approved for use in Maryland.

2. Severability

If any provision of this Directive and Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or

applications of this Directive and Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Directive and Order are severable.

THESE DIRECTIVES AND ORDERS ARE ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2023 AND ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "LH Scott".

Laura Herrera Scott, MD, MPH
Secretary