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**OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
FOURTH AMENDED EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07**

On March 24, 2020, the 109th case of a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), was confirmed in the State of Oklahoma. As noted in a previous Executive Order, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as "high" both globally and in the United States. In addition, on March 14, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national health emergency in the United States as a result of the national spread of COVID-19.

As COVID-19's impact continues to evolve, it is important to take measures to protect all Oklahomans against this threat. Therefore, I believe, after consultation with numerous health experts within my administration, it is now necessary to provide for the rendering of mutual assistance among the State and political subdivisions of the State and to cooperate with the Federal government with respect to carrying out emergency functions during the continuance of the State emergency pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003.

Therefore, I, J. Kevin Stitt, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby declare and order the following:

1. There is hereby declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and the public's peace, health, and safety. The counties included in this declaration are:

All 77 Oklahoma Counties

2. The State Emergency Operations Plan has been activated, and resources of all State departments and agencies available to meet this emergency are hereby committed to the reasonable extent necessary to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of the public. These efforts shall be coordinated by the Director of the Department of Emergency Management with comparable functions of the federal government and political subdivisions of the State.
3. State agencies, in responding to this emergency, may make necessary emergency acquisitions to fulfill the purposes of this declaration. If using a P-Card to make

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such acquisitions, agencies may purchase the necessary acquisitions without regard to the current P-Card policy limitation of \$5,000.00 purchase limit. Agencies may make the necessary emergency acquisitions without the requirement to follow bidding requirement/limitations on such emergency acquisitions, without the need to purchase from State Use Vendors, or to purchase from mandatory State Wide contracts. Such necessary emergency purchases shall be capped at \$250,000.00 per transaction. All such purchases must be readily identifiable as such, as following the conclusions of this threat, all such necessary emergency acquisitions will be audited to determine if they were made for emergency purposes.

4. State agencies, in responding to this emergency, may employ additional staff without regard to the classification requirements of such employment.
5. State agencies shall continue to follow guidance for interaction with the public provided by the Oklahoma Department of Health.

In addition, I direct as follows:

1. Transmit a clear delegation of authority for state agency directors and designate an Emergency Management Liaison by 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020;
2. Establish and, if necessary, implement a remote work policy that balances the safety and welfare of state employees with the critical services they provide;
3. Encourage Oklahomans interacting with agency services to utilize online options whenever possible;
4. Ensure continued compliance with Executive Order 2019-13, which limits non-essential out-of-state travel.
5. Promulgate any emergency rules necessary to respond to the emergency and to comply with the directives contained herein.
6. Any medical professional who holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any state that is a party to the Emergency Management Compact evidencing the meeting of qualifications for the practice of certain medical services, as more particularly described below, shall be deemed licensed to practice in Oklahoma so long as this Order shall be in effect, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. This shall only apply to Medical (MD) and Allied Licenses issued by the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, Licenses issued by State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, and Licenses and Certificates issued by the Board of Nursing, all three shall collectively be referred to as "Boards";
 - b. Any medical professional intending to practice in Oklahoma pursuant to

this Order, hereinafter referred to as “Applicant,” shall first apply with and receive approval from appropriate Board;

- c. It is the responsibility of each Board to verify the license status of any applicant and, upon verification of good standing, shall issue a temporary license to practice within this State; and
 - d. Any applicant licensed under this Order shall be subject to the oversight and jurisdiction of the licensing Board, which includes the ability of the Board to revoke said license and to initiate any administrative or civil proceeding related to any alleged misconduct of the applicant.
7. All occupational licenses issued by any agency, board, or commission of the State of Oklahoma that expire during this emergency shall be extended so long as this Order is in effect. All occupational licenses extended during this Order will expire fourteen (14) days following the withdrawal or termination of this Order.
8. Hospitals and Physician Clinics (collectively referred to as “hospitals”) operating in the State shall cooperate with and respond to all requests for critical data from the Oklahoma State Department of Health (“OSDH”), as applicable to the services they provide. This shall include, but will not be limited to, the daily submission, no later than noon, of critical data in a manner and format prescribed by OSDH. Critical Data shall include, but not be limited to:
- a. The number of available (i) ICU beds, (ii) medical surgery beds, (iii) operating room beds, (iv) pediatric beds, (v) PICU beds, (vi) ventilators, (vii) negative flow rooms, (viii) and overall occupancy status;
 - b. COVID-19 Test Availability, as measured by the number of COVID-19 testing kits available for use at the hospital;
 - c. The number of (i) positive patients and persons under investigation in the hospital receiving treatment and (ii) positive patients and persons under investigation sent home for self-quarantine; and
 - d. Days of essential Personal Protective Equipment stock on hand, as measured by the hospital’s defined daily adjusted burn rate of PPE.
9. The OSDH shall provide daily an aggregated summary of the information requested in the preceding paragraph to the Office of the Governor by 3:00 p.m.
10. The OSDH and all private labs performing COVID-19 testing shall provide daily updates, by 3:00 p.m., to the Office of the Governor on (i) the daily number of COVID-19 tests they are capable performing that day and (ii) number of COVID-19 testing kits they have on hand for distribution to hospitals.

