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STANDING ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO TO EXPAND COVID-19 TESTING ACCESSIBILITY

DATE OF ORDER: May 20, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295; County Code Section 31.0101 Et. Seq.)

In response to the state of emergency regarding the outbreak of a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, and in order to maintain the health and safety of the people of the San Bernardino County and limit the further spread of infection and at the request of the California Department of Public Health in order to increase testing and accessibility to testing, as the San Bernardino County Health Officer, I am issuing this Standing Order to expand COVID-19 testing accessibility within the County.

This Standing Order instructs clinical laboratories to accept assignments for COVID-19 diagnostic tests from individuals who (1) are determined to be in need of testing by the County Health Officer, and (2) whose specimens are collected under Optum Serve/Logistic's Health Inc. services, as contracted for by the State of California. The results of such tests shall constitute protected health information and shall be timely shared with: the tested individual (via Optum Serve/Logistic's Health Inc.), the appropriate Local Health Officer, and the California Department of Public Health. All test results shall be shared with the Local Health Officer and the California Department of Public Health in accordance with the State's mandated laboratory reporting laws, and shall include race/ethnicity data fields.

This Standing Order is issued pursuant to the following authorities: California Health and Safety Code sections 120130 and 120175; Business and Professions Code section 1288; Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 2505 and 2540, and the Governor's Executive Order of March 12, 2020 (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.12.20-EO-N-25-20-COVID-19.pdf>). This order remains in effect until rescinded or modified.

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of San Bernardino Health Administration office located at 351 N. Mountain View Ave., #303, San Bernardino, CA 92415; (2) posted on the County of San Bernardino Public Health Department's website (wp.sbcounty.gov/dph); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

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**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO FOR THE
CONTROL OF COVID-19. DATE OF THE ORDER: May 20, 2020**

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Dated: May 20, 2020

Dr. Erin Gustafson, MD, MPH
Acting Public Health Officer
County of San Bernardino

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

As Director of Emergency Services for the County of San Bernardino, I am authorized to promulgate regulations for the protection of life and property pursuant to Government Code Section 8634 and San Bernardino County Code section 21.0105. The following shall be in effect for the duration of the Health Officer Order issued above which is incorporated in its entirety by reference: The Health Officer Order shall be promulgated as a regulation for the protection of life and property. Any person who violates or who refuses or willfully neglects to obey this regulation is subject to fine, imprisonment, or both. (Government Code section 8665.)



Dated: May 20, 2020

Gary McBride
Director/CEO
Office of Emergency Services
County of San Bernardino

Approved as to form and legality:



Dated: May 20, 2020

Michelle D. Blakemore
County Counsel
County of San Bernardino