

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on March 13th, 2020 at approximately 4:00 PM, the Sawyer County (“County”) Local Health Officer, as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 251.06, identified a public health emergency due to detection of a novel strain of the coronavirus known as COVID-19, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin (the “County Public Health Emergency”); and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Emergency has caused the County to expend, commit and exhaust its pertinent available resources; and

WHEREAS, because of the County Public Health Emergency, the County Board is unable to meet with promptness; and

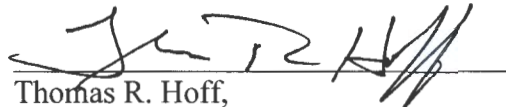
WHEREAS, the County requests state assistance and advises the State of Wisconsin of our emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11 and Wis. Stat. § 323.14(4)(b), this Declaration proclaims that emergency conditions exist and that the County must take any action necessary and expedient to combat the County Public Health Emergency in order to ensure the health, welfare, safety and protection of persons and property within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.18(2) and Wis. Stat. § 323.14(4)(b), I hereby declare as follows:

1. Recitals. The facts and circumstances set forth in the Recitals above are true and accurate, and are therefore incorporated into this Declaration.
2. Declaration of Public Health Emergency. A public health emergency is hereby proclaimed pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(4)(b) until March 19, 2020 9:30 p.m. or such earlier time as a quorum of the County Board of Supervisors convenes and takes action on this matter.
3. Declaration Valid. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(4)(b), this Declaration shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the County Board of Supervisors, as the County’s governing body, as soon as it can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the County Board of Supervisors shall not affect the proper validity of this Declaration.
4. Necessary and Expedient Actions. The County Local Health Officer, or its designee(s), and the County Head of Emergency Management, or its designee(s), shall take whatever action is necessary and expedient for the health, welfare, safety and protection of persons and property within the County, as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 323.14(4)(a) and (b), including but not limited to the following:

- a. Request Wisconsin state resources, including: National Stock Pile personal protective equipment ("PPE").
- b. Authorize emergency purchases of goods and materials, such as the following: PPEs, COVID-19 test kits, Public Information flyers, cleaning supplies.
- c. Authorize emergency purchases of services, including: cleaning services.
- d. Authorize hiring as follows: Staff to assist with case consultation and follow-up and approve over-time for current staff.
- e. Deviating from the County's Purchasing Policy for contracts in excess of \$20,000 without advertising, bid or otherwise.


Thomas R. Hoff,
Sawyer County Administrator

March 13, 2020 at 4:00 a.m./p.m.