

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-01  
(Emergency Measures for COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to control the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that health care providers and facilities are available to treat and test individuals infected with or suspected to be infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, as established by the following:

1. COVID-19 represents a serious threat to public health. COVID-19 is known to cause respiratory illness, which can result in severe disease complications and death. As of March 18, 2020, globally there were 191,127 total confirmed cases and 7,807 total deaths related to COVID-19, and the situation is rapidly evolving with person-to-person transmission and continued transmission in the community.
2. COVID-19 may affect a greater percentage of the population than seasonal influenza because of the novel nature of the disease and the lack of immunity to the disease within the population. Therefore, a larger number of individuals may require testing, medical treatment, or hospitalization as a result of COVID-19. This number would be in addition to the anticipated number of individuals requiring treatment for other communicable diseases, such as seasonal influenza.
3. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to have health care providers and facilities available to test and treat Arizonans for COVID-19.
4. To ensure that health care providers and facilities are available to treat and test individuals, it is necessary to establish a process for the temporary waiver of the professional licensure requirements necessary for the implementation of measures needed to address and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
5. Prompt detection of cases and their contacts, followed by rapid implementation of infection control measures, is necessary to control the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, pursuant to the Declaration of Emergency issued by the Governor of Arizona on March 11, 2020, and as authorized by Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) § 36-787(A)(6), may establish, in conjunction with applicable professional licensing boards, a process for the temporary waiver of the professional licensure requirements necessary for the implementation of any measures required to adequately address the State of Emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Cara Christ, M.D., M.S., by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services and in order to address the State of Emergency, do hereby order that the following process for the temporary waiver of the professional licensure requirements, developed in conjunction with the health profession regulatory boards, is established:

1. A health care profession regulatory board that meets the definition set forth in A.R.S. § 32-3201 shall identify any professional licensure requirements under its regulatory authority for which a temporary waiver is necessary to adequately address the State of Emergency, provide a justification for temporarily waiving those requirements, establish requirements for registering providers with out-of-state licenses who will be permitted to provide services in Arizona under their out-of-state licenses, and notify the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services in writing of the professional licensure requirements that it has identified and its justification for waiving those professional licensure requirements.
2. After providing the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services with its notification, a health care profession regulatory board that meets the definition set forth in A.R.S. § 32-3201 or its Executive Director may temporarily waive the identified professional licensure requirements to address the State of Emergency and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

3. This Order and all temporary waivers issued by a health care profession regulatory board shall be in effect until the Declaration of Emergency issued by the Governor of Arizona on March 11, 2020, is terminated.

Having authority to do so under Arizona law, I have executed this Order on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

*Cara Christ MD*

**Cara Christ, M.D., M.S., Director, Arizona Department of Health Services**

ON this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020,  
Cara Christ, M.D., M.S., Director of the Arizona Department of  
Health Services, signed and acknowledged this document  
in my presence.

*K Crawford*

**Notary Public**

