

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-001

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CHELAN DOUGLAS HEALTH DISTRICT
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF THE COVID 19 VIRUS
AND ISSUING ORDERS AND AUTHORIZING ACTIONS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF THE VIRUS.**

Whereas, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 proclaiming that a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the state of Washington due to the worldwide COVID-19 outbreak; and

Whereas, thereafter, Governor Inslee issued Proclamations 20-6 through 20-12 all addressing emergency measures to be implemented statewide in response to the COVID-19 virus public health emergency; and

Whereas, there is strong evidence that the COVID-19 virus is circulating in Chelan and Douglas Counties; and

Whereas, although most people infected by this virus are likely to recover fully, there is clear evidence that the infection is dangerous for seniors and those with co-occurring health problems, and is likely to result in a significant number of fatalities; and

Whereas, Chelan-Douglas Health District, county Emergency Management, health care organizations, schools and other community organizations are already actively responding to this emergency; and

Whereas, measures taken to mitigate an outbreak are much more successful when taken early, rather than waiting for the peak of an outbreak; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to severely strain the capacity of the health care system in this Health District, to the extent that lives may be endangered when critically ill patients cannot be given the best possible care; now therefore,

To better support our citizens in coping with this serious epidemic, the Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health hereby declares a state of public health emergency in the Health District and to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Health District hereby, resolves as follows:

1. The Chelan-Douglas Health District and the Chelan-Douglas Health District Health Officer and Administrator, are hereby authorized to take all actions, within their legal authority, which they deem necessary to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 virus pandemic and to defend and enforce implementation of all such actions.
2. The Chelan-Douglas Health District Health Officer and Administrator are each authorized to issue and enforce all orders necessary to protect the citizens in the Health District from the effects of the COVID-19 virus, including but not limited to, the issuance of orders:
 - a. Restricting group gatherings and other activities which facilitate COVID-19 transmission;
 - b. Promoting practices by individuals, groups, and organizations to help prevent transmission of the COVID-19 virus;


- c. Directing use and control by the Health District of privately owned facilities or premises for alternate care facilities, isolation or quarantine, or other purposes directly related to mitigation of COVID-19 pandemic effects;
 - d. Directing reallocation of privately owned personal protective equipment and supplies to the Health District to be dispensed within the Health District for use by health care services providers and first responders testing and/or treating COVID-19 patients;
 - e. Temporarily altering the practice and standards of care for any health professional or group of health care workers practicing within the boundaries of the Health District;
 - f. Authorizing appointment by the Health Officer of any physician licensed to practice in the State of Washington as an Assistant Health Officer in order to assist the current Health Officer;
 - g. Authorizing appointment of an acting Health Officer by the Administrator, subject to approval by the Chair of the Health District Board of Health, should the incumbent Health Officer become unable to serve, which appointment will remain in effect until the Board of Health is able to act on such an appointment; and
 - h. Authorizing Appointment of an acting Administrator by the Chair of the Health District Board of Health should the incumbent Administrator become unable to serve, which appointment will remain in effect until the Board of Health is able act on such an appointment.
3. The Administrator is authorized to spend up to \$200,000 of Health District reserve funds on an emergency basis to implement the orders and other actions authorized in this Resolution, provided email notice is given to the Board of Health within 48 hours of any such expenditure, with advance notice to be provided to the Board whenever possible.
 4. The Administrator is authorized and directed to apply for any state or Federal grants that may become available to provide local funding for COVID-19 related costs.
 5. The Administrator is directed to provide copies of this Resolution to the City and Town Mayors and to the Superior and District Court Judges in Chelan and Douglas Counties.
 6. This emergency Resolution shall be effective immediately upon approval by the Board of Health and shall remain in effect until repealed by Resolution of the Board of Health.

APPROVED BY THE CHELAN DOUGLAS HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH AT AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING THE 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.



JILL THOMPSON, CHAIR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



BARRY KLING, ADMINISTRATOR