



## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-09

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, a public health emergency was declared by Governor Doug Burgum, in Executive Order 2020-03, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota has made significant progress during the course of this pandemic to exercise mitigation measures strategically, protect our most vulnerable citizens and preserve hospital capacity; and,

**WHEREAS**, efforts by local political subdivisions, the exercise of individual responsibility by every citizen and the wide availability of COVID-19 vaccinations support the decision to rescind the state of public health emergency; and,

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus is still present in our communities; all citizens are encouraged to continue using preventative measures; anyone who has not received the vaccine is encouraged to do so to protect themselves, their families and their communities; the North Dakota National Guard will continue to assist and support the Department of Health and local public health vaccination and testing efforts for all North Dakota citizens as needed.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Doug Burgum, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution, does hereby declare the conditions resulting in the public health emergency on March 3, 2020, under Executive Order 2020-03, have been reduced to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist statewide.


Executive Order 2020-03 and all subsequent orders related to the public health emergency have met the intended objectives and have been superseded by statute or are no longer necessary, as follows: Executive Order 2020-05.1, Executive Order 2020-09, Executive Order 2020-14, Executive Order 2020-16, Executive Order 2020-18, Executive Order 2020-20, Executive Order 2020-17.1, Executive Order 2020-21.1, Executive Order 2020-29, Executive Order 2020-14.1, Executive Order 2020-21.2, Executive Order 2020-32.2, Executive Order 2020-37, Executive Order 2020-38, Executive Order 2020-20.1, Executive Order 2020-40, Executive Order 2020-42, Executive Order 2020-08.3 and Executive Order 2020-43.5.

This order is issued pursuant to the following authority and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.

2. The Governor is authorized to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to NDCC Chapter 37-17.1, and to terminate any executive orders that have fulfilled the intended purposes and are no longer necessary.
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary of State