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TEMPORARY ORDER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR
COVID-19 DIAGNOSTIC TEST RESULTS

Pursuant to G.S. 130A-141.1 and S.L. 2020-4, sec. 4.10(a)(1), the State Health Director hereby issues this TEMPORARY ORDER regarding the reporting of COVID-19 (otherwise known as a novel coronavirus) diagnostic test results.

This Order requires physicians licensed to practice medicine in this State and laboratories operating in this State to report negative results of COVID-19 diagnostic tests. Physicians and laboratories are required to report positive results of COVID-19 diagnostic tests under G.S. 130A-135, 130A-139 and 10A NCAC 41A .0101.

This Order also requires healthcare providers, as defined in G.S. 130A-476(g), other than physicians, who are ordering or conducting COVID-19 diagnostic testing in this State to report the results, both positive and negative, of COVID-19 diagnostic tests.

This Order is based upon a finding that reports of COVID-19 diagnostic tests are necessary for surveillance of a communicable disease that presents a danger to the public health.

Reports required by this Order shall be made in accordance with accompanying guidance issued by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, including subsequent amendments and updates, and posted on the [Health Care Guidance Section of the NC DHHS COVID-19 website](#).

This order is effective Tuesday, July 07, 2020 and expires in 90 days.

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