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On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed Executive order 2020-215 declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency. Therefore, pursuant to the authority in KRS 194A.025, KRS 214.020 and Executive Order 2020-215 the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Public Health states that the following directives are in effect during this state of emergency:

Healthcare providers in the Commonwealth may be asked to modify or alter patient care protocols by representatives of the Cabinet of Health and Family Services, including but not limited to the Kentucky Department of Public Health. These requests may include restrictions on visitation, reassignment of staff, requests for patient information, access to quarantine facilities and any other requests necessary to address the current Public Health Emergency. The Secretary for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services has been designated by the Governor to deliver these directives.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will continue to provide information and updates to healthcare providers during the duration of this Public Health Emergency.

We thank you for your cooperation and collaboration in this time of emergency.

Sincerely,

Eric Friedlander
Acting Secretary
Governor's Designee

Steven J. Stack, MD
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