

26 emergencies; isolation and quarantines.—The State Health Officer
 27 is responsible for declaring public health emergencies, issuing
 28 public health advisories, and ordering isolation or quarantines.

29 (1) As used in this section, the term:

30 (e) "Treat," "treated," or "treatment" does not include
 31 administration of vaccinations.

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33 (b) Before declaring a public health emergency, the State
 34 Health Officer shall, to the extent possible, consult with the
 35 Governor and shall notify the Chief of Domestic Security. The
 36 declaration of a public health emergency shall continue until
 37 the State Health Officer finds that the threat or danger has
 38 been dealt with to the extent that the emergency conditions no
 39 longer exist and he or she terminates the declaration. ~~However,~~

40 1. A declaration of a statewide public health emergency
 41 expires may not continue for longer than 60 days after the
 42 declaration unless the Governor concurs in the renewal of the
 43 declaration, which extends the expiration of the declaration for
 44 30 days. Any subsequent renewals must be approved by a two-
 45 thirds majority vote of each chamber of the Legislature before
 46 the declaration expires, with each renewal extending the
 47 expiration of the declaration for 60 days. A statewide
 48 declaration of a public health emergency automatically
 49 terminates if it is not timely renewed before its expiration in
 50 accordance with this subparagraph.

51 2. A declaration of a public health emergency, other than
 52 a statewide declaration, may not continue for longer than 60
 53 days unless the Governor concurs in the renewal of the
 54 declaration.

55 (d) The State Health Officer, upon declaration of a public
 56 health emergency, may take actions that are necessary to protect
 57 the public health. Such actions include, but are not limited to:

58 1. Directing manufacturers of prescription drugs or over-
 59 the-counter drugs who are permitted under chapter 499 and
 60 wholesalers of prescription drugs located in this state who are
 61 permitted under chapter 499 to give priority to the shipping of
 62 specified drugs to pharmacies and health care providers within
 63 geographic areas identified by the State Health Officer. The
 64 State Health Officer must identify the drugs to be shipped.
 65 Manufacturers and wholesalers located in this ~~the~~ state must
 66 respond to the State Health Officer's priority shipping
 67 directive before shipping the specified drugs.

68 2. Notwithstanding chapters 465 and 499 and rules adopted
 69 thereunder, directing pharmacists employed by the department to
 70 compound bulk prescription drugs and provide these bulk
 71 prescription drugs to physicians and nurses of county health
 72 departments or any qualified person authorized by the State
 73 Health Officer for administration to persons as part of a
 74 prophylactic or treatment regimen.

75 3. Notwithstanding s. 456.036, temporarily reactivating

76 the inactive license of the following health care practitioners,
77 when such practitioners are needed to respond to the public
78 health emergency: physicians licensed under chapter 458 or
79 chapter 459; physician assistants licensed under chapter 458 or
80 chapter 459; licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, and
81 advanced practice registered nurses licensed under part I of
82 chapter 464; respiratory therapists licensed under part V of
83 chapter 468; and emergency medical technicians and paramedics
84 certified under part III of chapter 401. Only those health care
85 practitioners specified in this paragraph who possess an
86 unencumbered inactive license and who request that such license
87 be reactivated are eligible for reactivation. An inactive
88 license that is reactivated under this paragraph returns ~~shall~~
89 ~~return~~ to inactive status when the public health emergency ends
90 or before the end of the public health emergency if the State
91 Health Officer determines that the health care practitioner is
92 no longer needed to provide services during the public health
93 emergency. Such licenses may only be reactivated for a period
94 not to exceed 90 days without meeting the requirements of s.
95 456.036 or chapter 401, as applicable.

96 4. Ordering an individual to be examined, tested, treated,
97 isolated, or quarantined for communicable diseases that have
98 significant morbidity or mortality and present a severe danger
99 to public health. However, an individual may refuse examination,
100 testing, or treatment for reasons of health, religion, or

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101 conscience by submitting a refusal in writing to the State
102 Health Officer. Such individuals may not be required to undergo
103 examination, testing, or treatment but ~~individuals who are~~
104 ~~unable or unwilling to be examined, tested, or treated for~~
105 ~~reasons of health, religion, or conscience~~ may be subjected to
106 isolation or quarantine.

107 a. Examination, testing, or treatment may be performed by
108 any qualified person authorized by the State Health Officer.

109 b. If the individual poses a danger to the public health,
110 the State Health Officer may subject the individual to isolation
111 or quarantine. ~~If there is no practical method to isolate or~~
112 ~~quarantine the individual, the State Health Officer may use any~~
113 ~~means necessary to treat the individual.~~

114 c. Any order of the State Health Officer given to
115 effectuate this paragraph is immediately enforceable by a law
116 enforcement officer under s. 381.0012.

117 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.