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M. Norman Oliver, M.D., M.A. State Health Commissioner Virginia Department of Health 109 Governor Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Disease Reporting and Control

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Dear Dr. Oliver:

I have reviewed the amendments to the Virginia Department of Health's Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control. These emergency regulations do not conflict with other federal or state statutes or regulations and do not violate the United States or Virginia Constitutions.

The Board of Health has the authority to promulgate the emergency regulations under Va. Code § 32.1-12 and Va. Code § 32.1-35. The regulations are consistent with the Board's mandate as set forth in these sections. The Board of Health will not exceed its statutory authority in promulgating these regulatory amendments.

Very truly yours,

Robin V. Kurz Senior Assistant Attorney General