
Health Officer Report

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Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



WHO Emergency Committee:

- *COVID-19 is not unusual and unexpected*
- *Cross-border transmission can't (and won't) be stopped*
- *COVID-19 does not require a coordinated international response*



 **BREAKING** 

"Yesterday, the Emergency Committee met for the 15th time and recommended to me that I declare an end to the public health emergency of international concern. I have accepted that advice"-[@DrTedros](#)
[#COVID19](#)



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Ending the Public Health Emergency of International Concern means the end of:

- **Mobilizing** international coordination
 - **Streamlining** international funding
 - **Accelerating** development of vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics under emergency use authorization
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National COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Ending

Source: [Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap | HHS.gov](#)



PHE Expiring



Department of Health and Human Services plans for the federal PHE for COVID-19 to expire May 11, 2023



COVID-19 response remains a public health priority



Over past 2 years, largest vaccination program in U.S. history was successfully implemented

270 million Americans with at least 1 COVID-19 vaccine

Since Omicron Surge 1/22:

- Daily COVID-19 cases down 92%
- COVID-19 deaths have declined > 80%
- New COVID-19 hospitalizations down 80%

*U.S. government plans to work closely with partners, like state and local public health agencies, to ensure safe transition





What ***Will NOT***
Be Affected:

Not Affected:

Access to COVID-19 vaccinations and certain treatments (Paxlovid)

FDA's EUAs for COVID-19 products (tests, vaccines, treatments)

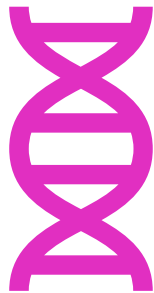
Major Medicare and Medicaid telehealth flexibilities

State eligibility redeterminations for Medicaid

Access to buprenorphine in Opioid Treatment Programs

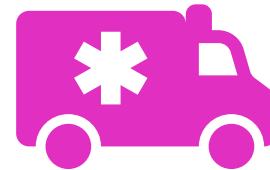
Access to expanded methadone take-home tests

Monitoring



Wastewater and genomic surveillance

Tracks variants and transmission



Emergency room data

Good early indicator of state-level transmission



What ***Will*** Be
Affected:

Affected:



Certain Medicare and Medicaid waivers and broad flexibilities for health care providers



Coverage for COVID-19 testing



Change in reporting of COVID-19 lab results and immunization data to CDC



Certain FDA COVID-19-related guidance documents will end or be temporarily extended



FDA's ability to detect early shortages of critical devices related to COVID-19 will be more limited



Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act liability protections



Ability of health care providers to dispense controlled substances via telemedicine; anticipated allowances to extend flexibilities

Monitoring



Hospitalization data same through April 2024
(reporting frequency changing)

- Tracks severe disease

Death data remains (data source changing)

Test positivity rates no longer national, state, or
county-wide and negative tests not reported

- Early metric of transmission

Cases dropped

Vaccination coverage - spotty, frequency of
updates changing

What can I expect locally?

Can I get a COVID-19 vaccine?

COVID-19 vaccines available by appointment in the Immunization Clinic: 701-241-1383

Can I still get COVID-19 tests?

At-home test kits available for pick up at FCPH main building, 1240 25th St. S, Mon - Fri 7:45 am - 4:30 pm

Other locally available COVID-19 resources?

Yes! Visit our website: [The City of Fargo - COVID-19: Local Resources \(fargond.gov\)](https://www.fargond.gov) to learn about medical, mental and behavioral health, food assistance, for-profit and non-profit business resources, as well as translated resources