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Agency/Point of Contact: Minnesota Department of Health/Margaret Kelly, Deputy Commissioner

Title of Request: COVID Outbreak Management and Public Education

Date: 6/7/2022 **Request Amount:** \$ 18,230,000

Expenditure Time Period: 6/1/2022 to 2/15/2023 (no later than 2/15/2023)

Brief Summary of Request: (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is requesting \$18.23 million to continue COVID outbreak management activities, provision of test-to-treat services, and public education activities for the State of Minnesota. MDH will implement an outbreak management model to minimize impact of SARS-CoV-2. MDH will also provide a broad range of test-to-treat options that will meet the needs of all Minnesotans and continue to provide information to protect our community members.

MDH will monitor vaccine breakthrough and circulation of variants of concern in Minnesota, develop COVID-19 guidance for schools, LTC and congregate settings, and make recommendations for disease control. Related activities include: case intake; monitoring of highly impacted settings (including jails, corrections, homeless shelters); analysis of epidemiology and healthcare worker data; and, support in K-12 Schools and Long-Term Care settings. Resources will address both MDH staffing and contractor needs. Our monitoring activities will also provide indicators of another wave or surge, and identify the possibility of a variant of high consequence. Funding also includes ongoing support for wastewater monitoring from statewide sources to identify emerging COVID-19 "hot spots" at the municipal and county-level.

Test-to-treat options will be available to all Minnesotans through both telehealth and on-site services, matching persons who meet the criteria of a person at risk of serious illness with the most appropriate therapeutics per state and Federal COVID-19 treatment protocols. State sites will be open to all including medically underserved and uninsured Minnesotans who have barriers to accessing testing and/or treatment from health systems. We are currently planning for five sites that will provide same-day, free-of-charge test-to-treat services with on-site dispensing of oral antiviral medications and/or referral for monoclonal antibody infusion therapies, but will monitor volumes and demand and make adjustments within available resources. In addition we are looking to add telehealth options at testing sites. Costs include: supplemental medical providers and clinical supervision; telehealth vendor services and home delivery of pharmaceuticals; and other logistical and staffing supports.

Finally, MDH will provide broad public education campaign information as needed in the coming months to share information with our citizens. This campaign will inform Minnesotans of the resources at their disposal to manage COVID-19 in their lives and help to keep them safe from the most severe outcomes of the disease. It will also lay out the benefits of COVID-19 prevention efforts and treatments. The goal of this campaign will be to ensure that all Minnesotans who are looking for support in fighting COVID-19 know where they can get that help.

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