



Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission – Action Order #2 COVID-19 Management

The Minnesota legislature appropriated \$190 million to the commissioner of management and budget to pay for COVID-19 management costs incurred between May 23, 2022, and February 15, 2023, for testing, vaccinations, COVID-19 outbreak management, local and Tribal health, public education, and health system supports.

Pursuant to Laws 2022, Chapter 50, Article 3, Section 1, paragraph (c), the commissioner of management and budget must submit proposed single expenditures that exceed \$2,500,000 to the Legislative COVID-19 Response Commission. Upon submission of the request, the commission has three days to make a positive recommendation, a negative recommendation, or no recommendation on a proposed expenditure.

If a majority of members from the senate or a majority of members from the house of representatives make a negative recommendation on a proposed expenditure, the commissioner is prohibited from expending the money. If a majority of the commission members from the senate and a majority of members from the house of representatives make a positive recommendation or no recommendation, the commissioner may expend the money.

On February 10, 2023, the commissioner submitted the following proposed expenditure requests:

- ***Positive recommendation to allow total spending of \$84,400,000 for COVID-19 testing operations.***
- ***Positive recommendation to allow total spending of \$22,200,000 for COVID-19 vaccine operations.***

The requisite number of commission members having provided a positive or no recommendation, I hereby authorize the requested funds from the \$190 million appropriation for COVID-19 Management.

February 14, 2023

Date

Jim Schowalter, Commissioner