On March 12, 2020
Governor Bullock declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19

This provides the authority for the Governor to:
- suspend a statute that may interfere with necessary action in coping with the emergency
- call for evacuation of an emergency area
- control entry/exit and occupation of emergency area

The Governor may also:
- accept federal assistance and appropriate funds as provided in statute
- access the general fund through a statutory appropriation of up to $16 million in a biennium

The Department of Public Health and Human Services has the duty to:
- inform and advise on controlling disease
- fund and administer any delegated federal health program
- identify, assess, prevent, and mitigate conditions of public health

consult school and local public health personnel, Superintendent of Public Instruction, local boards of health