

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 4579 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. CONTACT TRACING, CASE INVESTIGATION, AND FOLLOW-UP  
1.4 SERVICES PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH COVID-19.

1.5 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.6 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

1.7 (c) "Contact tracing" means a program to identify persons who may be at risk of  
1.8 contracting COVID-19 through contact, in a manner consistent with known or suspected  
1.9 modes of COVID-19 transmission, with a person with COVID-19.

1.10 (d) "Employee" means any person who performs health care services for hire in Minnesota  
1.11 for an employer.

1.12 (e) "Employer" means any person having one or more employees in Minnesota and  
1.13 includes the state and political or other governmental subdivisions of the state.

1.14 (f) "Person with COVID-19" means a person who has received a positive diagnostic test  
1.15 for COVID-19 and is currently contagious.

1.16 (g) "Public health response contingency account" or "account" means the account  
1.17 established under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199, subdivision 1.

1.18 Subd. 2. Program established. In order to control the spread of COVID-19 in the state,  
1.19 the commissioner shall establish a contact tracing, case investigation, and follow-up services  
1.20 program for persons with COVID-19. This program must operate to accurately and efficiently  
1.21 identify contacts of persons with COVID-19, perform case investigations, and provide  
1.22 follow-up services.

2.1 Subd. 3. Expenditures from public health response contingency account. (a) Money  
2.2 in the public health response contingency account transferred to the account for purposes  
2.3 of this section, is appropriated to the commissioner for the contact tracing, case investigation,  
2.4 and follow-up services program under this section. In order to make expenditures from the  
2.5 account under this section, the commissioner is not required to comply with Minnesota  
2.6 Statutes, section 144.4199, subdivisions 3 and 7.

2.7 (b) When the commissioner has complied with Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199,  
2.8 subdivision 5, paragraph (a), the commissioner may make expenditures from the account  
2.9 for purposes of this section, including but not limited to for the following purposes:

2.10 (1) contact tracing, case investigation, follow-up services, and information technology  
2.11 necessary to support these activities;

2.12 (2) hiring, training, and managing staff and volunteers to perform contact tracing, case  
2.13 investigation, and follow-up services;

2.14 (3) the provision of essential services, including but not limited to the provision of  
2.15 alternate housing, food delivery, and delivery of medications, to persons with COVID-19  
2.16 who are subject to isolation or quarantine;

2.17 (4) community education;

2.18 (5) interpreter services;

2.19 (6) community outreach through statewide or local media or other methods of  
2.20 communication;

2.21 (7) the purchase of personal protective equipment necessary for staff and volunteers to  
2.22 perform contact tracing, case investigation, and follow-up services;

2.23 (8) providing grants to local health departments, community health boards, and tribal  
2.24 health departments for purposes of this section;

2.25 (9) contracting with a vendor to hire, train, and manage program staff and volunteers;  
2.26 and

2.27 (10) transferring funds to other state agencies as necessary to establish and operate the  
2.28 program.

2.29 Subd. 4. Health care workers who are furloughed or on unpaid leave. (a)  
2.30 Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, no employer shall prohibit an employee  
2.31 from performing contact tracing, case investigation, and follow-up services for hire under  
2.32 the program established under this section, during a period of one week or more that the

3.1 employee is furloughed or on unpaid leave of absence, provided such work for hire does  
3.2 not violate the terms of the employee's collective bargaining agreement. An employee who  
3.3 performs contact tracing, case investigation, and follow-up services under the program  
3.4 established under this section shall notify the employer from which the employee has been  
3.5 furloughed or placed on unpaid leave of absence, and shall be available to return to work  
3.6 with that employer upon one week's notice from that employer.

3.7 (b) An employer shall not terminate, retaliate against, or alter the terms, conditions, or  
3.8 benefits of employment of an employee who performs contact tracing, case investigation,  
3.9 and follow-up services under the program established under this section.

3.10 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires February 1, 2021.

3.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.12 Sec. 2. **TRANSFERS TO PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE CONTINGENCY**  
3.13 **ACCOUNT.**

3.14 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is transferred from the COVID-19 Minnesota fund  
3.15 established under Laws 2020, chapter 71, article 1, section 7, and appropriated to the  
3.16 commissioner of management and budget under that section, to the public health response  
3.17 contingency account under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199, for purposes of section  
3.18 1. This is a onetime transfer.

3.19 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is transferred from the fund in the state treasury where  
3.20 funds received under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act,  
3.21 Public Law 116-136, title V, have been deposited, to the public health response contingency  
3.22 account under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.4199, for purposes of section 1. This is a  
3.23 onetime transfer.

3.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

3.25 Amend the title accordingly