287.703a Determination of extraordinary emergency; notice to governor; recommendations; proclamation of state emergency; emergency order.

Sec. 3a. (1) If the director determines that a disease or condition in animals in this state poses an extraordinary emergency to the animal industry, public health, or human food chain of this state, the director shall notify the governor of the determination and the reasons for this determination. The director shall recommend to the governor the procedures the director considers necessary to eliminate the threat.

(2) Upon being notified, the governor may issue a proclamation declaring a state of emergency. After proclamation of a state of emergency by the governor, the governor may expedite necessary procedures to control the spread of, or to eradicate, the disease or condition.

(3) The director may develop, implement, and enforce a scientifically based extraordinary emergency order if the director determines that a delayed response to a specific reportable animal disease or condition in animals will cause a significant impact on animals, an animal industry, or public health. The extraordinary emergency order shall be specific and shall consider the impact on animals and product movement. An extraordinary emergency order shall not be in effect for more than 72 hours without notification to and advice from the impacted animal industry and in no case shall remain effective for longer than 6 months. The director shall act in consultation with the director of the department of health and human services if there is an extraordinary emergency causing a significant impact on public health.