

**§ 166A-19.14. Priority consideration of North Carolina-based companies when addressing public health emergencies.**

During a public health emergency, the Department of Health and Human Services and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management within the Department of Public Safety shall first consider North Carolina-based companies that can provide mobile response units with capabilities to reach rural areas of the State. Operations that shall be considered include patient testing or sample collections, feeding operations, triage facilities, and other operations where it is necessary to deliver mobile services to individuals. (2020-3, s. 3C.2(a).)