## 135.140 Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Bioterrorism" means the intentional use of any microorganism, virus, infectious substance, or biological product that may be engineered as a result of biotechnology, or any naturally occurring or bioengineered component of any such microorganism, virus, infectious substance, or biological product, to cause death, disease, or other biological malfunction in a human, an animal, a plant, or another living organism.
  - 2. "Department" means the Iowa department of public health.
  - 3. "Director" means the director of public health or the director's designee.
  - 4. "Disaster" means disaster as defined in section 29C.2.
- 5. "Division" means the division of acute disease prevention and emergency response of the department.
- 6. "Public health disaster" means a state of disaster emergency proclaimed by the governor in consultation with the department pursuant to section 29C.6 for a disaster which specifically involves an imminent threat of an illness or health condition that meets any of the following conditions of paragraphs "a" and "b":
  - a. Is reasonably believed to be caused by any of the following:
  - (1) Bioterrorism or other act of terrorism.
- (2) The appearance of a novel or previously controlled or eradicated infectious agent or biological toxin.
  - (3) A chemical attack or accidental release.
  - (4) An intentional or accidental release of radioactive material.
  - (5) A nuclear or radiological attack or accident.
- (6) A natural occurrence or incident, including but not limited to fire, flood, storm, drought, earthquake, tornado, or windstorm.
- (7) A man-made occurrence or incident, including but not limited to an attack, spill, or explosion.
  - b. Poses a high probability of any of the following:
  - (1) A large number of deaths in the affected population.
  - (2) A large number of serious or long-term disabilities in the affected population.
- (3) Widespread exposure to an infectious or toxic agent that poses a significant risk of substantial future harm to a large number of the affected population.
- (4) Short-term or long-term physical or behavioral health consequences to a large number of the affected population.
- 7. "Public health response team" means a team of professionals, including licensed health care providers, nonmedical professionals skilled and trained in disaster or emergency response, and public health practitioners, which is sponsored by a hospital or other entity and approved by the department to provide disaster assistance in the event of a disaster or threatened disaster.

 $2003 \ Acts, ch \ 33, \$1, 11; 2003 \ Acts, ch \ 179, \$64; 2005 \ Acts, ch \ 89, \$6, 7; 2006 \ Acts, ch \ 1184, \$83; 2009 \ Acts, ch \ 37, \$4, 5; 2019 \ Acts, ch \ 24, \$104$  Referred to in \$29C.6, 135M.1, 135M.3, 135M.4, 137.116, 139A.2