

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Renée D. Coleman-Mitchell, MPH  
Commissioner



Ned Lamont  
Governor  
Susan Bysiewicz  
Lt. Governor

### ORDER

**Whereas**, on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont (the Governor), in response to the global pandemic of 2019 Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), declared a public health and civil preparedness emergency throughout the State of Connecticut pursuant to Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to remain in effect through September 9, 2020, unless sooner terminated by the Governor; and

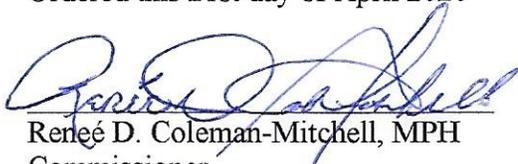
**Whereas**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor, in furtherance of the authority granted by virtue of such emergency declaration, issued Executive Order No. 7A to address critical public health issues regarding COVID-19; and

**Whereas**, said Executive Order provides that for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, or until such time as the Governor repeals or modifies Executive Order 7A, notwithstanding Section 19a-550(b)(12) of the Connecticut General Statutes or any other statute, regulation, local rule or ordinance or provision of law, the Commissioner of Public Health is authorized to issue any and all orders restricting entrance into nursing home facilities, residential care homes or chronic disease hospitals (the Facility or Facilities) that she deems necessary to protect the health and welfare of patients, residents and staff; and

**Whereas**, on March 13, 2020, I issued an Order imposing a complete ban on all visitors to such Facilities for a period of thirty days with certain stated exceptions and restrictions.

**Now, therefore**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Executive Order No. 7A, and in response to the ongoing public health crisis arising out of COVID-19, especially among elderly individuals and persons with co-morbid conditions, **I hereby order, effective immediately**, that my March 13, 2020 Order imposing a complete ban on all visitors to such Facilities, be extended in its entirety with the same stated exceptions and restrictions, for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless sooner modified or terminated by me by a future Order, or the Governor's earlier repeal or modification of Executive Order No. 7A or termination of the public health and civil preparedness emergency.

Ordered this 21st day of April 2020



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