

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Acting 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**, the Governor's Executive Order No. 7B, dated March 14, 2020, among other things, modified in-person open meeting requirements to authorize any public agency to hold open meetings and proceedings remotely by conference call, videoconference or other technology, with provisions; and

**Whereas**, the Governor's Executive Order No. 7K, dated March 23, 2020, authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health (the Commissioner) to suspend or modify regulatory requirements to protect public health and safety, as she deems necessary; and

**Whereas**, the Governor's Executive Order No. 7M, dated March 25, 2020, authorizes each department head, commissioner, agency head, and board and commission of this State to extend, as they deem reasonably necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic or its effects, any statutory or regulatory time requirements, decision-making requirements, hearings, or other time limitations or deadlines, procedure or legal process pertaining to matters under their respective jurisdiction, functions or powers for a period not to exceed 90 days and, further, Executive Order 7M authorizes department heads, commissioners, agency heads, and boards and commissions of this State, to issue any orders necessary to implement and effectuate the purposes of the Executive Order; and

**Whereas**, State agencies, boards, and commissions of this State require discretion to manage deadlines associated with Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, and other statutory and regulatory deadlines relevant to conducting the business of the State; and

**Whereas**, Conn. Gen. Stat. sections 19a-2a, 19a-9, and 19a-10 authorize the Commissioner to adopt uniform rules and regulations for hearings, proceedings and subjects within the jurisdiction of the Department and boards and commissions listed in Conn. Gen. State. sec. 19a-14(b);



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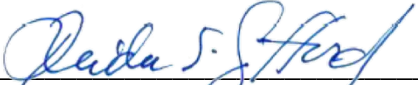
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**Now, therefore,** based on concerns relative to COVID-19, including possible delays and/or unavailability caused by disruptions related to COVID-19, and in accordance with the authority set forth above, unless sooner modified or terminated by me, or unless the Governor sooner repeals or modifies the declared public health and civil preparedness emergency, Executive Order No. 7B, Executive Order No. 7K, or Executive Order No. 7M, **I hereby order that, effective immediately:**

1. Unless otherwise noticed, all open meetings and proceedings will be conducted remotely by conference call, videoconference, or other technology.
2. Section 19a-9-18 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is modified to permit delivery of notices of hearing to be by email only, and to deem such notice to be effective and sufficient if sent to the party's last known email address of record on file with the Department.
3. The following statutory and/or regulatory deadlines in connection with administrative hearings, determinations and proceedings under the jurisdiction of the Department or any board or commission listed in Conn. Gen. Stat. sec. 19a-14(b) are hereby extended for ninety (90) calendar days:
  - a. Statutory and/or regulatory deadlines setting forth the date(s) by which an administrative hearing or other proceeding shall be scheduled and held by the Department or any board or commission listed in Conn. Gen. Stat. sec. 19a-14(b);
  - b. Statutory and/or regulatory deadlines setting the time(s) in which the Department, or any board or commission listed in Conn. Gen. Stat. sec. 19a-14(b), shall issue a written decision or administrative determination;
  - c. Statutory and/or regulatory deadlines setting forth the time(s) by which the Department, or any board or commission listed in Conn. Gen. Stat. sec. 19a-14(b), shall respond to a request for reconsideration or agency review of an agency decision or determination; and
  - d. Statutory and/or regulatory deadlines for the issuance of any notices by the Department, or any board or commission listed in Conn. Gen. Stat. sec. 19a-14(b), in connection with administrative hearings, determinations, or other proceedings.
4. All other statutory and/or regulatory time requirements, not specifically listed above, which set forth time limitations or deadlines for the Department, or any board or commission listed in Conn. Gen. Stat. sec. 19a-14(b), in connection with administrative hearings, determinations, and proceedings, including, but not limited to, statutory and/or regulatory time requirements in Chapters 54, 368a, and 368d of the Connecticut General Statutes and sections 19a-9-2 through 19a-9-29 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, will be extended for a period not to exceed 90 days.

Ordered this 27 day of May, 2020

  
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Acting Commissioner