ORDER

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, Governor Ned Lamont signed into law House Bill 5047, “An Act Concerning the Extension of Certain Executive Orders and Department of Public Health Authority and COVID-19 Relief Days as amended by House Amendment C”, which provides in section 2 of said Act that, notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Public Health may exercise the commissioner's authority under section 19a-131f of the General Statutes through April 15, 2022, without a public health emergency being declared by the Governor pursuant to section 19a-131a of the General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19a-131f of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Public Health (Commissioner) may authorize any qualified person, including, but not limited to, any person licensed under chapter 379, 384 or 384d, to administer vaccinations, if the Commissioner determines that such action is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and such authorization is in writing and contains the categories of qualified persons included in the authorization, any additional training required before performance of the vaccination by such persons and the duration of the authorization; and

WHEREAS, under existing law the professions authorized to administer vaccinations include but are not limited to physicians, physician assistants, nurse midwives, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, advanced practice registered nurses and pharmacists (hereinafter Health Care Professionals) whose services are in great demand in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 19a-131f of the Connecticut General Statutes, and in response to the ongoing public health crisis arising out of COVID-19, unless sooner modified or terminated by me by a future Order, I hereby order the following, effectively immediately, until April 15th, 2022:

1. Authorization to Administer Vaccine. Any podiatrist, dentist, dental hygienist with training to administer anesthesia pursuant to Section 20-126l(d) of the General Statutes, veterinarian, advanced emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician with intramuscular epinephrine administration training and any paramedic who (i) is licensed pursuant to chapters 375, 379, 379a, 384, and 384d of the Connecticut General Statutes, respectively, or (ii) is authorized to practice in Connecticut pursuant to my orders issued under Section 19a-131j(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes is hereby authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccines provided that such person completes a vaccination training program deemed appropriate by the Commissioner sufficient to train such person, submits the certificate of completion for such training to the COVID-19 Vaccine
Provider (Provider) who will utilize such person to administer vaccines, and provided a Health Care Professional shall be present at the site where such person administers vaccines. The Commissioner shall publish on the Department of Public Health’s (DPH) Internet webpage vaccination training programs deemed appropriate. For purposes of this section, a “COVID-19 Vaccine Provider” is a health care organization providing COVID-19 vaccine that has enrolled in the federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program through DPH and has signed and agreed to the conditions in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement.

Ordered this 15th day of February 2022

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Manisha Juthani, MD
Commissioner