

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**BY HIS EXCELLENCY**

**NED LAMONT**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11**

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC – EXTENSION OF SELECTED COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, I declared public health and civil preparedness emergencies throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 1, 2020, I renewed the March 10, 2020 declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergencies and also issued new declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, which new and renewed emergencies remained in effect until February 9, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2021, I renewed the March 10, 2020 and September 1, 2020 declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies and also issued new declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, which new and renewed emergencies shall run concurrently and remain in effect until April 20, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2021, I signed into law Special Act 21-2, through which the General Assembly ratified the previously mentioned declarations and endorsed a renewal and extension of such declarations through May 20, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to such declarations, I have issued various executive orders to protect public health, limit transmission of COVID-19, and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (the “COVID-19 Orders”); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2021, I renewed the March 10, 2020 and September 1, 2020 declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies and also issued new declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, which new and renewed emergencies shall run concurrently and remain in effect until through May 20, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic remains a grave threat to public health and safety and civil preparedness in the State of Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, public health experts have determined that it is possible to transmit COVID-19 even before a person shows symptoms and through aerosol transmission; and transmission or “shedding” of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 may be most virulent before a person shows any symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has recommended that people with mild symptoms consistent with COVID-19 be assumed to be infected with the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to slow transmission of COVID-19, including limitation on the size of gatherings, maintaining a safe distance from others, and wearing masks or face coverings; and

**WHEREAS**, because COVID-19 has caused unanticipated health effects that are not fully understood by the medical community, residents, businesses, and government, agencies face new and unanticipated economic, fiscal, and operational challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, infections with highly transmissible variants of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 have spread widely in the United Kingdom and elsewhere and have been discovered in Connecticut and other states, increasing the risk of greater transmission of COVID-19 throughout Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut continues to successfully conduct a campaign to vaccinate as many residents as possible against COVID-19, including having opened eligibility to all residents aged 16 or older and having vaccinated a large percentage of those most vulnerable to serious health effects from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, having consulted with agency leaders, department heads, municipal and legislative leaders, and other stakeholders, I have identified many COVID-19 Orders, representing more than 60 percent of those currently in effect, that may be allowed to expire after today; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of such consultation, I have also identified many unexpired COVID-19 Orders that remain critical to the protection of public health and safety and the maintenance of civil preparedness and likely will remain critical to ensuring execution of the essential duties of government because they provide for an efficient and effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to the continuation of Connecticut’s nation-leading vaccination campaign, continued provision of safer healthcare and childcare to residents throughout the state, and mitigation of the devastating economic effects of the pandemic;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NED LAMONT**, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Connecticut, and pursuant to the public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared on March 10, 2020 and renewed on September 1, 2020, January 26, 2021, and April 19, 2021, and the new public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared on April 19, 2021, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

1. **Extension of Selected COVID-19 Orders to May 20, 2021.** The following Executive Orders are extended through May 20, 2021:

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| 7B, Sections 1, 5, 6  | 7Y, Sections 3-5   | 7CCC, Section 2                              |
| 7E, Sections 3 and 5  | 7Z, Section 3  | 7EEE, Section 1                              |
| 7F, Sections 3 and 4  | 7CC, Section 3 as amended by Executive Order No. 10, Section 1 | 7FFF, Section 1                              |
| 7G, Sections 5 and 6  | 7CC, Sections 4-8  | 7III, Section 3                              |
| 7K, Sections 1, 2, 5  | 7DD, Sections 1, 2, 4-7  | 7NNN, Section 1                              |
| 7I, Sections 2, 3, 19 | 7EE, Sections 1-3  | 9, Section 1                                 |
| 7J, Sections 3-7      | 7FF, Section 1   | 9H, Section 1                                |
| 7L, Section 4         | 7HH, Section 2   | 9K, Section 8                                |
| 7M, Section 3         | 7II, Section 2   | 9Q, Sections 1 and 3                         |
| 7N, Section 6         | 7JJ, Sections 2 and 3  | 9S, Section 2                                |
| 7O, Sections 1 and 4  | 7KK, Section 1   | 10, Sections 1, 4, 6                         |
| 7P, Section 1         | 7NN, Sections 2, 3, 5-8  | 10A, Sections 2, 3                           |
| 7Q, Section 3         | 7QQ, Section 6   | 10C  |
| 7R, Section 5         | 7SS, Sections 1-3  | 7TT, Section 2, as amended by 10D, Section 1 |
| 7T, Section 6         | 7XX, Sections 3 and 4  | 10E, Section 2                               |
| 7V, Sections 3-5      | 7YY, Sections 2, 7, 8  |  |
| 7W, Sections 2 and 8  | 7AAA, Section 4  |  |

2. **Precedence of Executive Order Nos. 11A-11D.** If any order extended by Section 1 of this order conflicts with a provision of Executive Order No. 11A, 11B, 11C, or 11D, also issued today, the provision of the latter order shall govern.
3. **Extension of Agency and Municipality Orders.** Any unexpired order, rule, regulation, directive or guidance issued by any official, agency, department, municipality, or entity pursuant to an unexpired COVID-19 Order, which by its own terms provides that it shall remain in place for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency shall remain in effect through May 20, 2020, unless earlier modified or terminated by the issuing authority or a subsequent executive order.

Unless otherwise provided herein, this order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect through May 20, 2021.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.



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Ned Lamont  
Governor

By His Excellency's Command



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Denise W. Merrill  
Secretary of the State

