

**Advisory Commission on
Intergovernmental Relations**

Report Regarding Issued Executive
Orders Relative to the COVID-19
Pandemic for Priority Continuance
and Potential Legislative Codification

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ACIR is a 24-member agency of the State of Connecticut created in 1985 to study system issues between the state and local governments and to recommend solutions as appropriate. The membership is designed, statutorily, to represent the state legislative and executive branches, regional bodies, education, labor, varying sizes of municipalities and the public.

The role of ACIR, as specified in Section 2-79a of the General Statutes, is to:

- serve as a forum for consultation between state and local officials
- conduct research on intergovernmental issues
- encourage and coordinate studies of intergovernmental issues by universities and others
- initiate policy development and make recommendations to all levels of government

Introduction

The COVID-19 Pandemic, while thoroughly disruptive, to the delivery of government services, provides opportunities to improve how Connecticut delivers services through its various levels of government. As of December 4, 2020 there have been a total of 84 Executive Orders issued with 183 subsections affecting municipalities (general government and education) issued by Governor Lamont. These Executive Orders have, by necessity, altered a spectrum of governmental functions (many of which are statutorily set) to allow government to continue to function given the realities of COVID-19. The necessitated innovation of the Executive Orders has created opportunities to address many normal government functions differently - not only during the pandemic but afterwards as well.

Starting in March of 2020, ACIR began tracking each Executive Order's (EOs) elements impacting municipalities - developing a series of Best Practices documents (<https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/IGPP-MAIN/Responsible-Growth/Advisory-Commission-on-Intergovernmental-Relations/Advisory-Commision-on-Intergovernmental-Relations>) in response to those EOs to assist municipalities through the COVID-19 pandemic. Given that the pandemic continues and unfortunately has no predictable end, many of the Executive Orders must be continued and some will need additional modification/clarification. Other EOs, in the view of ACIR, proven to be actions that should be codified by the General Assembly as improved governmental practices for the efficient delivery of government services. ACIR, because of its diverse membership (state agencies, legislators, labor, education, regional bodies - COGs and RESCs, and municipal representation) is in a sound position to provide guidance and comment as to the relative importance of EOs issued to date and those that should be made permanent.

This report seeks to provide guidance to policy makers regarding the following:

1. A listing of Executive Orders that ACIR has identified as priorities to continue during the pandemic emergency. Where appropriate, this section makes suggestions for modifications;
2. A listing of Executive Orders ACIR suggests be codified by the General Assembly in 2021; and,
3. A complete listing of all Executive Orders issued coupled with ACIR's comments.

It is ACIR's expectation that these recommendations will be helpful and that ACIR can be used as a continued resource in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

This report, at the December 4, 2020 meeting of ACIR, was approved.

One

Priority Executive Order Continuation/Clarifications

The following represent our identified priority EOs that need to be continued for the duration of the pandemic emergency:

Meetings, Municipal Decisions, Elections and Notifications

1. **Maintain EO 7B and 9H** - ACIR recommends that a clarified EO include uniform procedural direction for all meetings that include remote-access:

- At the start of the meeting, the chair must announce the name of the member or members who are participating remotely; such information must also be recorded in the meeting minutes.
- All votes must be taken by roll call
- Members of the public body must be clearly audible to each other and to members of the public at all times.
- When holding an executive session remotely, the public body must still take all required procedural steps for entering into executive session in open session. At the beginning of the executive session, each public body member participating remotely must state that no other person is present or able to hear the discussion at the remote location, unless the public body has approved the presence of that individual.
- If technical difficulties result in a remote participant being disconnected from the meeting, that fact and the time at which the disconnection occurred must be noted in the meeting minutes.

Clarification regarding the availability and required posting of information as currently directed by EO 7B.1(4). ACIR has received information indicating that both applicants and advisories to applications are using the current system under **EO 7B.1(4)** to unnecessarily delay actions by waiting until after the 24 hour notice requirement to submit information. Additionally, that “towns have been criticized for not posting every single document that may have any relevance to a non-public hearing matter on an agenda.” **EO 7I.13** relieves towns of any in-person voting requirements by members of the public. Towns need guidance in a new comprehensive EO addressing meetings that allows for flexibility and safety.

2. **Maintain EO 7I.16** providing for the suspension of In-Person Filing Requirements Related to Municipal Planning, Assessment and Taxation. This is needed to enable persons, boards and commissions to avoid contact during the pandemic. To date, this EO has worked well - with few issues encountered.

3. **Modify EO 7I.19(f) to Allow Flexibility** - When this EO was put in place - most town halls were closed to the public and operating, in part, remotely. As the pandemic has evolved some towns have partially opened to the public and many have staff on site during “regular” business hours. Accordingly, municipalities should be in a position to provide information necessary for proper notification of hearings/meetings. Variation from pre-COVID-19 requirements should only be allowed if a municipality is not operating at a level where it could provide necessary lists and other information for notifications.

4. **Maintain EO 7S.7** - Allowance of Suspension of In-Person Voting Requirements for Critical and Time Sensitive Municipal Fiscal Deadlines. Until the pandemic is over - towns will need flexibility in decision making.
5. **Maintain EO 7CC.1** - Applicability of Executive Order No. 7S, Section 7 to additional critical and time-sensitive municipal fiscal actions: Expands Section 7 of Executive Order No. 7S, permitting a municipality's legislative body and budget-making authority to jointly authorize certain actions by a majority vote of each body to include additional time sensitive and essential actions among which such bodies may authorize.
6. **Maintain EO 7JJ.4** - Allowance of Suspension of In-Person Voting Requirements by Members of the Public for Critical and Time-Sensitive Municipal Decisions. Again, needed to avoid an/or minimize person-to-person contacts during the pandemic emergency.
7. **Maintain EO 7OO.1** - Procedures for Local Appointments and Elections Requiring In-Person Vote
8. **Maintain EO 7J.2 and 7CCC.2** – which extends examination Certifications of Fire Service Personnel.

State/Local Coordination

1. **Maintain EO 7H.2** - Requires a coordinated effort between the State of Connecticut and its municipalities when responding to this emergency. While the pandemic is in place it is essential that the State have a singular approach/strategy to addressing it - not 169 municipal or 159 school district variations. "Home Rule" and "Local Control" arguments, notwithstanding, must be secondary to protecting the health and welfare of all people.
2. **EO 9B.2 needs clarification.** This EO, which provides authorization for the **issuance of fines** for (1) Any person who is not, while in any public place or in any location where where it is required, wearing a mask or face covering; (2) any person or business entity who organizes, hosts, or sponsors a gathering that violates the gathering size restrictions set forth in the DECD Rules for Gatherings and Venues and Sector Rules for Outdoor Events; and, (3) any person who attends a gathering that violates the gathering size restrictions set forth in the DECD Rules for Gatherings and Venues and Sector Rules for Outdoor Events. The EO sets up a system whereby local officials are enforcing state issued rules and collecting fines for such. Many of our smaller towns do not have local police agencies - making enforcement difficult and possibly hazardous.

Safety

1. **Maintain EO 7E.3** for the duration of the pandemic. The pandemic will, until there is a vaccine and effective therapeutics ebb and flow in intensity. Expiration dates for permits, licenses, and other credentials administered by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection need flexibility to ensure our state can best respond as needed.
2. **Maintain EO 7NNN.1** for the duration of the pandemic. Municipal employees that cannot socially distance and those that interact with them should be protected to the highest degree. This EO is basic to protecting municipal personnel and the ruble they serve.

3. **Maintain EO 9.1** for the duration of the public health emergency which Commissioners of Early Childhood and Education May Issue Operational Rules. Uniform guidance is, in our view, necessary during the pandemic.
4. **Maintain EO 9G.1** providing municipal authority to revert to the more restrictive pre-October 8, 2020 size and capacity limitations and rules for certain businesses and gatherings.

Labor

1. **EO 7JJJ.1** - Two points of view were strongly expressed and ACIR, **which is not taking a formal stance on either position**, would like to present both, in no particular order:
 - A. **Maintain EO 7JJJ.1 - Rebuttable Presumption of Eligibility for Workers Compensation.** - as articulated by Organized Labor - The EO is a rebuttable presumption of claim. The employer has the ability to rebut the employee's claim for compensation if there is a question as to the contraction of the disease. These are unprecedented times for employers (municipal or private) any effort to exploit an employee due to their exposure to this virus is inexcusable. Employees that, in the course of their employment, come in contact with persons diagnosed with COVID-19, or those persons that may not have been diagnosed, but subsequently test positive, should have the protection under Chapter 568 that all employees are afforded. Firefighters, Police Officers, Teachers, Healthcare Workers and others are routinely caring for potentially infected persons. They do so without regard to their own safety and sometimes without adequate protections. They should be protected.

While the CARES Act provides two weeks of paid leave, it falls short of providing full coverage should the employee require hospitalization, extended care, and lost wages beyond the 2 weeks. In addition, the CARES Act does not provide healthcare coverage. Instead, the employee, assuming they have health insurance, is responsible for all co-pays and out of pocket expenses upon diagnosis and treatment. Medical science has also shown that permanent damage to the respiratory and cardio-vascular systems is commonplace in a COVID-19 diagnosis. If a worker contracts COVID-19 on the job, the employer, via the workers' compensation system, should be responsible for healthcare, wage replacement and other related expenses unless it can demonstrate that transmission did not happen in the workplace.
 - B. **Repeal EO 7JJJ.1 - - Rebuttable Presumption of Eligibility for Workers Compensation** - as articulated by CCM: *CCM and our members appreciate the work of our first responders and all essential workers during this difficult time - these individuals are on the front lines battling this pandemic and their contribution to the safety and health of our communities is paramount; however, we urge you to not act in establishing a rebuttable presumption under the workers compensation act for essential workers that have contracted COVID-19.*

The joint informational hearing on Workers' Compensation Insurance and COVID-19 that took place on June 19 illustrated that for the majority of essential employees that have contracted COVID-19 they have been compensated through Workers Compensation. In addition, the system has been modified to allow employees greater opportunity to bring forward their claims. If anything that it has proven is that greater guidance should be provided to assist employees in better understanding the claims process.

As a result of the facts that were provided during the informational hearing, CCM urges the legislature not to enact establishing such presumption. Specifically:

- *The Workers' Compensation Commission is fully functioning, handling claims, conducting business telephonically and virtually, is ready to issue decisions on claims that cannot reach a resolution, and if necessary, has expedited COVID-19 claims. Moreover, injured workers receive an information packet, and can request for more information through Workers' Compensation Offices.*
- *Connecticut has an occupational disease provision as part of its workers' compensation law (CGS 31-275 (15)) and is effectively being utilized in determining COVID-19 causation in the workplace and having benefits paid to employees based on this statute.*
- *As of June 17, 2020, the Workers' Compensation Commission had 739 COVID-19 claims in the system with only 29 that requested a hearing. Based on the testimony of Stephen Morelli, Chairman of the CT Workers' Compensation Commission, it can be assumed that benefits are being paid and/or medical treatment is being provided, given only 29 claims requested a hearing. It can further be argued that greater state guidance should be provided to employees regarding the claims process. (We refer you to the Chairman Morelli's testimony, starting at 1:32.00 on CTN)*
- *Carriers, including CIRMA, have paid benefits in order to protect workers. Not only has CIRMA issued benefits for frontline workers who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, but benefits have been provided for certain employees who are quarantined for exposure with no diagnosis of COVID-19. Nonetheless, benefits are paid without prejudice to some frontline workers who do not have other benefits available, including volunteers such as firefighters.*
- *Enactment of such presumption would have costly consequences on insurers and property taxpayers. The National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) recently released a white paper which indicted depending on the infection rate, if a positive COVID-19 case is presumed to be work related for first responders in Connecticut, the workers compensation loss is estimated to be between 7% (for a 1% infection rate) and 358% (for a 50% infection rate). Further problematic, some of the State's largest cities are self-insured; therefore, these costs will be borne 100% by the property taxpayers who are already facing difficult financial struggles due to this pandemic.*
- *As the State begins the reopening process with individuals moving around with greater frequency, they are exposed to greater chances of contracting COVID-19 rather than through their employment.*
- *A presumption will impact the claims process and increase litigation costs. As a result, this could further delay the payment and processing of claims for employees.*
- *The proactive approach taken to provide benefits has helped to make people whole. Given the few requests for hearings, there is an indication that the current system, while not perfect, has been successful.*

Specifically, it should not be implemented in any form, in particular retroactively. Doing so would gravely impact the claims process as contact tracing and documentation would be difficult to examine from months ago and would negatively impact the workers' compensation market.

The costs such a presumption would have on already financially struggling municipalities would only exacerbate the severe financial burden that our towns and cities are grappling with as a result of this pandemic. Again, towns and cities continue to provide enhanced resources and benefits for essential workers, and those who do get ill currently are afforded an enhanced claims process.

3. **Maintain EO 7JJJ.2 - Discharge, discrimination, discipline, and deliberate misinformation or dissuasion prohibited.** See above
4. **Maintain EO 7J.4 and 7L.3** – Suspends Rehiring Procedures and Restrictions on Temporary Worker Retirees. Maintain during Pandemic and codify for future situations.

Childcare

1. **Maintain 7T.4** - Flexibility to maintain adequate child care infrastructure:

Efficiencies

1. **Maintain EO 7I.16 and 7I.19** which enables the **remote filing of applications** related to land use, assessment and taxation. This utilization and acknowledgement of technology makes sense. It effectively extends access to town halls to 24/7. These EOs essentially replaces any in-person actions with electronic actions. To the degree they expedite and add access to these processes - they should be maintained - regardless of the public health emergency.
2. **Maintain 7J.2 as amended by EO 7Q.3 and further amended by 7.ZZ.12 enabling Remote Notarization** - The experience with this approach has been positive.
3. **Maintain EO 7L.7** which suspended the current **in person requirement for the purchase of vital records** at the Department of Public Health with an online or by mail purchase option.
4. **Maintain EO 7L.8 amended by 7JJ.1** which modifies the requirement that **marriage licenses** be obtained in the town where the marriage will be celebrated.
5. **Maintain EO 7S.8** which addresses the reapplication filing requirement for the homeowners' elderly/disabled circuit breaker tax relief program and for the homeowners' elderly/disabled freeze tax relief program.
6. **Maintain EO 7S.9** which addresses a substitute for full valuation inspections.
7. **Maintain EO 7Z.2** which suspends, during the pandemic, the In-person attendance requirement for assessment appeals.
8. **Maintain EO 7W.8** until for filings with town clerks

Housing

1. **EO 9E**, which is in effective until January 1, 2021, needs to be maintained during the public health emergency. Additionally, a more aggressive form of landlord and mortgage holders assistance must be put in place to avoid harm to those providing housing to persons in our state.

Land Use

1. **Maintain EO 7MM.1 (further clarified by Executive Order 7ZZ.11 and further modified by EO 7000.1), 7MM.2, 7MM.3** - Each, which has worked, should be maintained for the duration of the pandemic. Furthermore, the process put forth in 7MM.1 and 7MM.2 should be the basis of legislation in 2021 to form a more responsive zoning permit process.

Education

1. **Maintain 71.5 for the duration of the pandemic.** Remote learning will, for the foreseeable future be a reality. This EO better ensures that school districts are able to deliver this necessary service.

Other

1. **Maintain, for the duration of the pandemic, 9C.** - The process of non-judicial tax sales needs to move forward.

Two

Executive Orders to Codify

The response to the COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in opportunities to modify or enact new laws to improve the way services are delivered as well as greater access/participation in the governmental process. The primary opportunities for change are found in two categories: (1) On-Line Engagement and (2) Municipal Efficiencies. Each is dependent on the use of readily available, affordable technology - technology that did not exist when the laws that govern them were put into place.

1. **On-Line Engagement** - Seek legislation to require major boards/commissions (Boards of Selectmen, Aldermen, Town Council, Town Meetings, Boards of Education, Boards of Finance, Planning and Zoning Boards - combined or separate) to include a remote option (as put forth in multiple EOs - **primarily 7B and 9H**) for members and the public. In essence it would be a hybrid approach to public meetings. All other boards would be by local option in terms of remote access. Remote access technology, although used prior to COVID-19, was not in widespread use. Its use has provided access to the public of local government deliberations previously not realized and should be continued. Provisions in such a statute would have to include requirements for notification, recording/posting, translation (LEP obligations), TitleVI/Environmental Justice, accessibility and process.

7S.7. - Change in person requirements legislatively, allowing for both in person and electronic attendance for Town Meetings.

7CC.1 Applicability of Executive Order 7S, Section 7 to Additional Critical and Time-Sensitive Municipal Fiscal Actions. Change in person requirements legislatively, allowing for both in person and electronic attendance for Town Meetings.

2. **Municipal Efficiencies** - Items a-g in this section are references to specific EOs that “temporarily” change the way business is conducted at town halls. In each case ACIR is suggesting that towns be enabled to adopt these approaches as a regular course of business. Moreover, there are any number of similar transactions that could be addressed using a remote option. ACIR suggests that Title 7 generally be reviewed for these opportunities (see “h” below) and remote options be codified.
 - a. **EO 7I.16 and 7I.19** enables the **remote filing of applications** related to land use, assessment and taxation. This utilization and acknowledgement of technology makes sense. It effectively extends access to town halls to 24/7. These EOs essentially replaces any in-person actions with electronic actions. To the degree they expedite and add access to these processes - they should be maintained - regardless of the public health emergency.
 - b. **EO 7J.2 as amended by EO 7Q.3 and further amended by 7.ZZ.12 enabling Remote Notarization** - The experience with this approach has been positive and should be codified to further enhance access.
 - c. **EO 7L.7** suspended the current **in person requirement for the purchase of vital records** at the Department of Public Health with an online or by mail purchase option. The online or mail option should remain.

- d. **EO 7L.8 amended by 7JJ.1** modifies the requirement that **marriage licenses** be obtained in the town where the marriage will be celebrated. This EO should continue as standard practice.
- e. **EO 7S.8** which addresses the reapplication filing requirement for the homeowners' elderly/disabled circuit breaker tax relief program and for the homeowners' elderly/disabled freeze tax relief program - persons should be able to apply online.
- f. Related to **EO 7S.9** which addresses a substitute for full inspections, legislation is needed to outline how technology may be employed to conduct full inspections using smartphones, tablets and other devices in lieu of inspectors. This additionally has application for other inspections - such as building inspections.
- g. **EO 7Z.2** which suspends, during the pandemic, the In-person attendance requirement for assessment appeals - the option of using remote technology instead of in person should be codified.
- h. **Other examples** that could have a remote option: Land Use Inspections (wetlands, Zoning, ZBA), Fire Marshal, Building Official, Animal Control, Health Departments.

3. Other

- a. **Local/State Coordination for Uniform Response - EO 7H.2** which requires a coordinated effort between the State of CT and municipalities when responding to an emergency. Codification will better prepare the State and it's municipalities for future emergencies.
- b. **Validate ALL current budgets made in accordance with EO 7C.5** - Extension of Municipal Budget Adoption Deadlines and make similar adjustments for any future budgets adopted under this or similar EOs.
- c. **Protection From Civil Liability** - EO 7U.1 – Protection From Civil Liability for Actions or Omissions in Support of the State's COVID-19 Response
- d. **Codify 7U.2 - Financial protections for the uninsured and people covered by insurance who receive out-of-network health care services during the public health emergency.** This would represent a proactive measure to ensure that in the event that future pandemics or emergencies occur that persons seeking needed medical services are covered.

ACIR Recommended Executive Order Priorities - Appendix A

December 4, 2020

Key:

EOs to maintain, either through further executive or legislative action are indicated in **green**

EOs to codify because they improve the function of governmental services - regardless of the pandemic are indicated in **blue**

EO's that can expire are in grey

Executive Order	Executive Order Summary	ACIR Recommendation
7.1 - - Now modified by EO 7D and 7N.1	Social Distancing	Must remain for the duration of the pandemic
7.3 (now superseded by 7E.1)	Number of School Days modification	
7A	NA	
7B	Suspension of in-person open meeting requirements	<p>Need to continue and codify, with modification, (1) for the duration of the pandemic in order to alleviate any physical-place or physical-presence requirements under current law for both the general public and the members of the public bodies (2) make permanent as this approach improves access and transparency.. Currently, the EO allows for in-person meetings by commission/board members. That should cease going forward. We now know that asymptomatic spread of COVID-19 is a major contributor to new infections and therefore Connecticut should not be encouraging in-person meetings of any type - which are fully avoidable with the use of technology. Anecdotally, it appears that persons most wanting in-person meetings are older individuals (often not comfortable with technology) that are more vulnerable to the virus. The following requirements (borrowed for MA) should apply for all remote-access meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ At the start of the meeting, the chair must announce the name of the member or members who are participating remotely; such information must also be recorded in the meeting minutes. ✓ All votes must be taken by roll call ✓ Members of the public body must be clearly audible to each other and to members of the public at all times.

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7B continued	Suspension of in-person open meeting requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ When holding an executive session remotely, the public body must still take all required procedural steps for entering into executive session in open session. At the beginning of the executive session, each public body member participating remotely must state that no other person is present or able to hear the discussion at the remote location, unless the public body has approved the presence of that individual. ✓ If technical difficulties result in a remote participant being disconnected from the meeting, that fact and the time at which the disconnection occurred must be noted in the meeting minutes.
7C.1 - Now amended per EO 7E.1; 7L.1; 7X.2	Cancellation of classes at all public schools	
7C.2	Flexibility of Graduation Requirements, and Prescribed Courses of Study	
7C.3	Flexibility for Educator Prep Programs	May need to continue
7C.4	Flexibility for Educator Certification Timelines, Educator Evaluations, and School In-Services.	May need to continue
7C.5	Extension of Municipal Budget Adoption Deadlines.	While this can wait, in terms of an immediate Executive Order extension, it should be addressed by the General Assembly in the event they meet in Special Session later this year. No doubt the COVID-19 crisis we be with us as municipal budgets are prepared and adopted in 2021 and we should have mechanisms in place, like EO 7C.5, to address those issues.
7C.6	Extension of Regional Board of Education Budget Adoption Deadlines.	While this can wait, in terms of an immediate Executive Order extension, it should be addressed by the General Assembly in the event they meet in Special Session later this year. No doubt the COVID-19 crisis we be with us as municipal budgets are prepared and adopted in 2021 and we should have mechanisms in place, like EO 7C.5, to address those issues.
7D.1 (Amended by 7ZZ.2 (previously amended 7TT))	Further reduces large crowds: Effective immediately, the order amends a previous directive (EO 7) prohibiting large social and recreational gatherings of 250 or more and modifies that capacity to no more than 50 people	Basic safety measure - must remain in force
7E.1 (see 7.3)	Modifies previously enacted waiver of 180-day school year	

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7E.2	Per Executive Order 7YY-9, Effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 15, 2020, Executive Order 7E, Section 2, is repealed. Suspension of required fingerprinting availability	Needed as a safety measure for police
7E.3	Extension of time period for permits	Needed during the pandemic
7F	NA	
7G.1	Postpones Connecticut's presidential primary to June 2	
7H.1 (Amended by 7ZZ.10)	Restrictions on workplaces for non-essential business	Should continue to minimize person-to-person interactions until pandemic is over or a vaccine is in place
7H.2	Requires a coordinated effort between the State of Connecticut and its municipalities when responding to this emergency	<p>Need to continue and perhaps strengthen. While the pandemic is in place it is essential that the State have a singular approach/strategy to addressing it - not 169 municipal or 159 school district variations. This is fully demonstrated by the lack of a uniform federal strategy in addressing the pandemic - which most experts agree has resulted in needless deaths and a lack of progress compared to other industrialized countries.</p> <p>The codification of this would allow for better flexibility on the part of the governor to act in times of emergency.</p>
7I.5	Flexibility related to the Student Data Privacy Act in order to provide quality online educational opportunities to students during the period in which schools classes are canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Online learning will be a part of education for the duration of the pandemic and perhaps longer
7I.12	Extension of Budget Adoption Deadlines - Additional Municipal Bodies.	<p>While this can wait, in terms of an immediate Executive Order extension, it should be addressed by the General Assembly in the event they meet in Special Session later this year. No doubt the COVID-19 crisis we be with us as municipal budgets are prepared and adopted in 2021 and we should have mechanisms in place, like EO 7C.5, to address those issues.</p>
7I.13	Relieves towns of any in-person voting requirements by members of the public	<p>While this can wait, in terms of an immediate Executive Order extension, it should be addressed by the General Assembly in the event they meet in Special Session later this year. No doubt the COVID-19 crisis we be with us as municipal budgets are prepared and adopted in 2021 and we should have mechanisms in place, like EO 7C.5, to address those issues.</p>

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71.14	Establishes a parallel process for the adoption of budgets by regional boards of education	While this can wait, in terms of an immediate Executive Order extension, it should be addressed by the General Assembly in the event they meet in Special Session later this year. No doubt the COVID-19 crisis we be with us as municipal budgets are prepared and adopted in 2021 and we should have mechanisms in place, like EO 7C.5, to address those issues.
71.15	Extension of Municipal Deadlines and Waiver of Penalties Related to Municipal Planning, Assessment and Taxation	This made sense when issued and a version of it may be needed in the future depending on how the pandemic evolves
71.16	Suspension of In-Person Filing Requirements Related to Municipal Planning, Assessment and Taxation	This should continue and the General Assembly should be asked to codify the approach. The pandemic, notwithstanding, has opened this option up and created a new opportunity for access, participation and transparency that should not be lost
71.17	Suspension of Deadlines and Modification of Public Hearing and Appeals Requirements for Assessment and Taxation	This made sense when issued and a version of it may be needed in the future depending on how the pandemic evolves
71.18	Extension of New Reporting Requirements on Property	This made sense when issued and a version of it may be needed in the future depending on how the pandemic evolves
71.19 a-i	Suspends, modifies, and clarifies certain municipal procedural requirements and time limitations regarding notice, commencement, and holding of public hearings, decisions, and appeals, including land use and other municipal boards.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic and incorporate, where it does not currently exist, into statute. Each of these essentially replaces any in-person actions with electronic actions. To the degree they expedite and add access to these processes - they should be maintained - regardless of the public health emergency
7J.2	Authorizes the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to extend the time by which examination components for a given level of certification for fire-service personnel must be completed, by 90 days.	Should be continued at the discretion of the Commissioner
7J.4	Suspension of Rehiring Procedures and Restrictions on Temporary Worker Retirees (TWR).	Depending on how the Pandemic evolves this authority may be needed and should be at the "ready" in the event the State experiences additional COVID-19 surges
7K.3 (Amended per 7Q)	Authorization of remote notarization	Opportunity to enhance needed services to residents and businesses in Connecticut - they should each be codified by the General Assembly and similar services should be identified and added to the list for codification
7L.1 (Amended 7X.2)	Extends the cancellation of classes at public schools statewide through at least April 20:	
7L.3	Suspends restrictions on the re-employment of retired municipal employees	Municipalities need resources - specifically qualified persons - during this pandemic (which has no immediate end in sight) and this EO provides another option to fill critical roles in municipalities.

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7L.6	Enacts flexibility in availability and registration of vital records	Opportunity to enhance needed services to residents and businesses in Connecticut - they should each be codified by the General Assembly and similar services should be identified and added to the list for codification
7L.7	Suspends in-person purchase of copies of vital records at the Department of Public Health	Opportunity to enhance needed services to residents and businesses in Connecticut - they should each be codified by the General Assembly and similar services should be identified and added to the list for codification
7L.8	Modifies the requirement that marriage licenses be obtained in the town where the marriage will be celebrated	Opportunity to enhance needed services to residents and businesses in Connecticut - they should each be codified by the General Assembly and similar services should be identified and added to the list for codification
7M.1	Tolling of time periods for Department of Transportation final determinations on permits	
7M.2	Suspension of mandatory statutory filing requirements for Freedom of Information Act appeals and decisions by the Freedom of Information Commission	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7M.3 (see EO 7DD.2 for change)	Authorizing state agencies to extend statutory regulatory administrative deadlines by 90 days	Need to look at specific situations - like driver license renewals - picking ones that may cause the most potential for exposure and delaying or making them remote
7N.1 (Amended by 7TT and 7ZZZ.2)	Restricts all social and recreational gatherings to no more than five people:	Safety - keep
7N.6	Suspends 21-month limit on Temporary Family Assistance:	Keep - must protect basic human needs
7N.7	Suspends school testing assessments for the 2019-2020 school year	
7O	NA	
7P.1	Authorization to provide for non-congregant housing for persons at risk	Continue until pandemic ends
7Q.1 : (amended by Executive Order 7VV)	Requirement of limited group sizes in childcare	Safety - Keep

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7Q.2	Enhancement of health procedures for all operating childcare programs	Maintain - possibly codify
7Q.3 Amended Procedures in EO 7K and Extended by EO 7ZZ.12	Authorization of remote notarization:-	Opportunity to enhance needed services to residents and businesses in Connecticut - they should each be codified by the General Assembly and similar services should be identified and added to the list for codification
7R.1	Continuation of funding for boards of education	
7R.2	Continuation of payment of public school staff	
7R.3	Preservation of student transportation services and special education providers	
7R.4	Restrictions on entrance to state parks, forests, and other lands	Safety - Keep
7S.6, a-e	Relief from certain municipal tax deadlines and collection efforts	Defer to OPM - but given the nature of the pandemic and the near certainty of additional waves of illness intensity - a preferred course of action should be in place
7S.7	Allowance of Suspension of In-Person Voting Requirements for Critical and Time Sensitive Municipal Fiscal Deadlines.	Need to maintain
7S.8	Suspension of reapplication filing requirement for the homeowners' elderly/disabled circuit breaker tax relief program and for the homeowners' elderly/disabled freeze tax relief program	Opportunity to enhance needed services to residents and businesses in Connecticut - they should each be codified by the General Assembly and similar services should be identified and added to the list for codification
7S.9	Substitution of full inspection requirements pertaining to October 1, 2020 grand list revaluations	Opportunity to employ technology for remote inspections
7S.11 (Amended by 7CC.2 to clarify interest on redemption calculation)	Suspension of Non-Judicial Tax Sales.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7T.4	Flexibility to maintain adequate child care infrastructure	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic

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7U.1	Protection from civil liability for actions or omissions in support of the state's COVID-19 response	Maintain - possibly codify
7U.2	Financial protections for the uninsured and people covered by insurance who receive out-of-network health care services during the public health emergency	Maintain - possibly codify
7V.1	Safe workplaces in essential businesses	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7V.6 Replaces the section of EO 7U	Protection from civil liability for actions or omissions in support of the state's COVID-19 response	Maintain - possibly codify
7W.1 Applicability of EO 7S.6	Quasi-Municipal Corporations and Clarification of Time Periods	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7W.2	No increased experience rating based on COVID-19 unemployment claims	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7W.8	Permit need not be recorded with town clerk	Opportunity to enhance needed services to residents and businesses in Connecticut - they should each be codified by the General Assembly and similar services should be identified and added to the list for codification
7X.1 (See 7DDD for changes)	Protections for Residential Renters Impacted by COVID-19	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7X.2	Continued cancellation of school classes through May 20, 2020	
7X.3	Extension of closures, distancing, and safety measures through May 20, 2020	
7X.4	Modification or deferral of educator certification testing	
7Z.1	Modification of state contracting statutes to facilitate the emergency procurement of essential goods	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7Z.2	In-person attendance requirement (CGS 12-113) suspended for assessment appeals	Opportunity to enhance needed services to residents and businesses in Connecticut - they should each be codified by the General Assembly and similar services should be identified and added to the list for codification

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7AA	NA	
7BB.1 (Replaced by EO 7NNN)	Cloth face coverings or higher level of protection required in public wherever close contact is unavoidable	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7BB.2	Further postponement of presidential preference primary to August 11	
7CC.1	Applicability of Executive Order No. 7S, Section 7 to additional critical and time-sensitive municipal fiscal actions: Expands Section 7 of Executive Order No. 7S, permitting a municipality's legislative body and budget-making authority to jointly authorize certain actions by a majority vote of each body to include additional time sensitive and essential actions among which such bodies may authorize.	
7CC.2	Clarification of time periods regarding suspension and modification of non-judicial tax sales pursuant to Executive Order No. 7S, Section 11	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7CC.3	Exclusion of federal stimulus payments in evaluating eligibility for state or local programs financed in whole or in part using state funds	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7DD	NA	
7EE	NA	
7FF	NA	
7GG.1	Modification of state contracting statutes to facilitate the emergency procurement of essential services	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7GG.2	Modification of state contracting authorities to facilitate the emergency procurement of essential services	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7GG.3	Modification of state construction requirements to facilitate the emergency provision of construction and construction-related services	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7GG.4	Extension of existing contracts to prevent gaps in necessary services	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic

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7HH.1 (clarifies EO 7I.13)	Clarifies that as of the date of issuance (May 1st) and going forward, the relevant elected body or bodies in each municipality must adopt a budget for 2020-2021 without an in-person vote by residents	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7HH.2	Authorization for common-interest communities to hold meetings remotely	Has possibilities for codification
7II.1	Extension of School Class Cancellations for Remainder of School Year - As ordered in Section 1 of Executive Order No. 7C, and as modified by Section 1 of Executive Order No. 7L and Section 2 of Executive Order No. 7X, schools are cancelled through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.	
7II.3	Authority to Waive Certain Requirements for the Issuance of Vouchers under the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7II.4	Extension of the Start Date for Imposition of a Late Fee for Obtaining Dog Licenses from July 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020	
7JJ.1 (Applicability of EO 7S.8)	Suspension of Reapplication Filing Requirement for the Homeowners' Elderly/Disabled, Circuit Breaker Tax Relief Program and for the Homeowners' Elderly/Disabled Freeze Tax Relief Program	Opportunity to enhance needed services to residents and businesses in Connecticut - they should each be codified by the General Assembly and similar services should be identified and added to the list for codification
7JJ.3 (seeEO 7I.19)	Tolling of Land Use and Building Permits	Should continue during the duration of the pandemic
7JJ.4	Allowance of Suspension of In-Person Voting Requirements by Members of the Public for Critical and Time-Sensitive Municipal Decisions	Should continue during the duration of the pandemic
7LL.1 (superseded by EO 7WW.1)	Changes to the Petitioning Process for Ballot Access for Petitioning Candidates and Candidates Petitioning Under Party Designation under sections 9-453 to 9- 453u	Legislature has acted
7LL.2 (superseded by EO 7WW.2)	Changes to the Petitioning Process for Ballot Access for Major Parties	

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7MM.1	Expedited Municipal Zoning Amendments	Should continue during the duration of the pandemic and some form of this EO should be considered long-term. To date, this change has worked - assisting a significant number of "outdoor activities" to operate in an expedited manner - providing needed economic relief.
7MM.2	Suspension and Modification of Certain Permitting and Approval Processes for Outdoor Activities	Should continue during the duration of the pandemic. The process outlined in the EO has worked well.
7MM.3	Liquor Service in Connection with Outdoor Dining	Should continue during the duration of the pandemic. So long as social distancing, masks and other safety measures are in place, this element has also worked - providing a needed and necessary option for outdoor activities
7NN	NA	
7OO.1	Procedures for Local Appointments and Elections Requiring In-Person Vote	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7PP.1 (Amended by 7ZZ.0)	Phase 1 Business Reopening	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7PP.2	Enforcement of Sector Rules Governing the Reopening of Businesses	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7PP.3 (Amended by 7TT)	Extension of Prohibition on Large Gatherings to June 20, 2020	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7PP.6	Limitation on the Operation of Day Camps	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7PP.7	Enhanced Health Procedures for All Day Camps	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7PP.8	Cancellation of Resident Camp Operations	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7PP.9	Limitation on the Operation of Summer Educational Programs Operated by Local or Regional Boards of Education	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7QQ.1	Absentee Voting Eligibility During COVID-19 Pandemic	Legislature has acted
7QQ.2	Notice of Modification Required on Inner Envelope	Legislature has acted
7QQ.3	Authority for Secretary of the State to Modify Absentee Ballot Applications, Envelopes, and Printed Materials Regarding Eligibility	Legislature has acted

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7QQ.4	Authority to Issue Absentee Ballots	Legislature has acted
7QQ.5	Modification of Requirement that Absentee Ballots be Returned by Mail or In Person	Legislature has acted
7QQ.6	Clarification that Commissioner Orders Issued Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders Are Not Regulations Subject to the UAPA	Should be continued as a matter of ensuring clarity as to the nature of EOs.
7RR	NA	
7SS	NA	
7TT.2 (7D.1 and 7N.1 as extended by 7PP.3, are amended by this EO	Amended Prohibitions on Large Gatherings	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7UU.1	Mandatory COVID-19 Testing for Staff of Private and Municipal Nursing Home Facilities, Managed Residential Communities, and Assisted Living Services Agencies	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7UU.2	Determination of Suitable Work	Maintain - possibly codify
7VV.1	Amended Limitation on Program Sizes in Child Care. Executive Order No. 7Q, Section 1	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7WW.1 (7LL.1 is superseded and replaced in its entirety retroactively to the date it was issued)	Changes to the Petitioning Process for Ballot Access for Petitioning Candidates and Candidates Petitioning Under Party Designation under sections 9-453 to 9-453u.	

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7WW.2 (7LL.2 is superseded and replaced in its entirety retroactively to the date it was issued)	Changes to the Petitioning Process for Ballot Access for Major Parties	
7XX.2	Safety Rules for Drive-in Graduations	
7XX.3	Suspension of the Involuntary Discharge of Nursing Facility Residents Who May Be Discharged to Homeless Shelters, Except in Emergency Situations or With Respect to COVID-19 Recovered Discharges	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7XX.4	Suspension of the Involuntary Discharge of Residential Care Home Residents Who May Be Discharged to Homeless Shelters, Except in Emergency Situations	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7YY.9	Repeal of Executive Order No. 7E.2	
7ZZ.2 (7D.1, and 7N.1 as amended by 7TT.2 are amended)	Restrictions on Large Gatherings and Events.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7ZZ.3	Application of Enforcement Authority to DECD Rules for Gatherings and Venues	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7ZZ.10	Extension of Essential Business Rules. Executive Order No. 7H, Section 1, as amended by Executive Order No. 7PP, is extended for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified or terminated.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7ZZ.11	Clarification of Executive Order No. 7MM	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7ZZ.12 (see 7Q.3)	Extension of Remote Notarization. Executive Order No. 7Q, Section 3	

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7AAA.4 (Repeals and replaces. 7UU.1	Mandatory COVID-19 Testing for Staff of Private and Municipal Nursing Home Facilities, Managed Residential Communities, and Assisted Living Services Agencies.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7BBB.2	Amended Deadline for Candidates to Withdraw from Presidential Primary	Legislature has acted
7BBB.3	Accelerated Date to Finalize Order of Names on Presidential Preference Primary Ballot	Legislature has acted
7BBB.5	Authority to Modify Enhanced Health Procedures in Child Care and Day Camps	
7CCC.1	Clarification of Time Periods in Executive Order 71, Section 15	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7CCC.2	Extension of Time for Fire Service Personnel Examinations	
7DDD.1	Extended Protections for Residential Renters Affected by COVID-19.	Housing (rental, mortgage, shelters, homelessness, etc. is one of the most critical issues resulting from COVID-19. The EOs, collectively, take a pro-active approach to assisting people most impacted by this and they should continue. There does need to be some form of relief for landlords and banks that may (probably) be impacted adversely by this as well
7DDD.2	Authority to Extend Statutory and Regulatory Administrative Deadlines by an Additional 90 Days	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7EEE.1	Authorization for OPM to Direct DSS to Provide CRF Funding to Additional Providers	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7GGG.1	Authorization for Temporary Rental Housing Program.	Housing (rental, mortgage, shelters, homelessness, etc. is one of the most critical issues resulting from COVID-19. The EOs, collectively, take a pro-active approach to assisting people most impacted by this and they should continue. There does need to be some form of relief for landlords and banks that may (probably) be impacted adversely by this as well
7GGG.2	Temporary Mortgage Relief Program	Housing (rental, mortgage, shelters, homelessness, etc. is one of the most critical issues resulting from COVID-19. The EOs, collectively, take a pro-active approach to assisting people most impacted by this and they should continue. There does need to be some form of relief for landlords and banks that may (probably) be impacted adversely by this as well
7HHH	NA	

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7III	NA	
7JJJ.1	Rebuttable Presumption of Eligibility for Workers Compensation.	This is a very important EO to maintain during the pandemic. Labor needs this assurance to undertake the many tasks asked of them - including many with high risk exposure situations.
7JJJ.2	Discharge, discrimination, discipline, and deliberate misinformation or dissuasion prohibited	This EO is common sense and needs to be maintained.
7KKK	Not Issued	
7LLL.1	Resumption of Requirements and Deadlines in Child Protection Matters	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7MMM.1	Clarification of Authority of Election Officials to Accept and Count Absentee Ballot Sets Issued Pursuant to Executive Order No. 7QQ as ratified by HB 6002 (July 2020 Special Session)	Legislature has acted
7MMM.2	Inner Envelope Attestation Shall Be Interpreted to Include the Sickness of COVID-19	Legislature has acted
7MMM.3	Clarification of Authority of Election Officials to Open Outer Envelopes of Absentee Ballot Set Issued Pursuant to Executive Order No. 7QQ, Section 4.	Legislature has acted
7MMM.4	Authority of Election Officials to Accept and Count Absentee Ballots Postmarked by August 11, 2020 and Delivered by August 13, 2020.	Legislature has acted
7NNN.1 (7BB.2 Repealed and Replaced)	Masks	Safety - Keep
7000.1	Extension of Expanded Outdoor Dining	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
7000.2	Modification of the Extension of 30-Day Period of Credit for Liquor Permittees	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic

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7000.3	Extension of Eviction Moratorium	Housing (rental, mortgage, shelters, homelessness, etc. is one of the most critical issues resulting from COVID-19. The EOs, collectively, take a pro-active approach to assisting people most impacted by this and they should continue. There does need to be some form of relief for landlords and banks that may (probably) be impacted adversely by this as well
9	Commissioners of Early Childhood and Education May Issue Operational Rules. To promote and secure the safety and protection of adults and children in public schools and childcare settings, including camps, related to the risks of COVID-19, the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Early Childhood, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, may issue binding guidance, rules, or orders for operation of schools or childcare settings that each deems necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic or its effects or to implement any previous or future executive order issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9A	1. Re-issuance and Extension of COVID-19 Executive Orders to November 9, 2020. Pursuant to the emergency declarations issued on September 1, 2020, all executive orders issued pursuant to the public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared on March 10, 2020 and renewed on September 1, 2020 (COVID-19 Orders) that are unexpired and currently in effect as of the date of this order are hereby reissued	Maintain
9A	2. Extension of Agency and Municipality Orders of Concurrent Duration with Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies. 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 until November 9, 2020, unless earlier modified or terminated by the issuing authority or a subsequent executive order.	Maintain

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9B	2. This EO, which provides authorization for the issuance of fines for (1) Any person who is not, while in any public place or in any location where where it is required, wearing a mask or face covering; (2) any person or business entity who organizes, hosts, or sponsors a gathering that violates the gathering size restrictions set forth in the DECD Rules for Gatherings and Venues and Sector Rules for Outdoor Events; and, (3) any person who attends a gathering that violates the gathering size restrictions set forth in the DECD Rules for Gatherings and Venues and Sector Rules for Outdoor Events	Needs Clarification
9C.1	Resumption of Non-Judicial Tax Sales Pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 7S, Section 11 and 7CC, Section 2.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9D	Extension of Contracting Flexibility Related to Student Data Privacy Act. The provisions of Executive Order No. 7I, Section 5 shall remain in effect through January 31, 2021 and be applicable to all local and regional boards of education that are providing remote learning opportunities under any educational model.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9E	Extension of Eviction Moratorium. The provisions of Executive Order No. 7X, Section 1, as modified by Executive Order Nos. 7NN, Section 4, 7DDD, Section 1, and 7OOO, Section 3 shall remain in effect until January 1, 2021, with modifications	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9F.1	Amendments to Size Restrictions on Certain Gatherings.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9F.2	Extension of Drive-In Worship Services and Graduations. The provisions of Executive Order No. 7XX, Sections 1 and 2, regarding drive-in religious and graduation ceremonies, shall remain in effect.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9G	Municipal Authority to Revert to the More Restrictive Pre-October 8, 2020 Size and Capacity Limitations and Rules for Certain Businesses and Gatherings.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic

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9H	Remote Participation in Municipal Meetings. Enables any municipal agency, board, commission, council or local legislative body, and, in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, the board of selectmen, may hold a “hybrid” public meeting or hearing that provides for remote participation in its entirety, or for remote participation in conjunction with an in-person meeting	Maintain - possibly codify portions
9I.1	Amendments to Mandatory Self-Quarantine for Travelers from States with High COVID-19 Levels.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9J.1	Municipal Authority to Revert to the More Restrictive Pre-October 8, 2020 Size and Capacity Limitations and Rules for Certain Businesses and Gatherings	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9J.2	Modifications to Deadlines to Allow Early Preparations for Absentee Ballot Counting.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9K.1	Repeal of Municipal Authority and Return to Statewide Protective Measures.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9K.2	Return to Phase II Limits on Certain Gatherings.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9K.3	Reduced Capacity at Indoor Graduation Ceremonies.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9K.4	DECD Authority to Enact Sector Rules for Youth Sports	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9K.5	DECD Authority to Enact Sector Rules Governing Mandatory Closing Times for Certain Businesses and other Establishments	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9K.6	Extension of Expanded Outdoor Dining. Subject to any rules issued pursuant to Section 5 of this Executive Order, all provisions and approvals granted pursuant to Executive Order No. 7MM shall remain in effect through February 9, 2021	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9K.7	Extension of Prohibition on Sale of Alcohol by Certain Permittees Without the Sale of Food.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9K.8	Flexibility for School Nutrition Programs.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9L.1	Extension of COVID-19 Executive Orders to February 9, 2021	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic

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9L.2	Extension of Agency and Municipality Orders of Concurrent Duration with Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9M.1	DECD Authority to Enact Rules for All Sports Activities. Executive Order No. 9K, Section 4 is repealed and superseded in its entirety as follows: The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development is hereby authorized to establish, in Sector Rules or other rules issued by him, mandatory rules for the safe conduct of sports. In establishing such rules, the Commissioner shall consult with the Commissioner of Public Health.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9N.1	Additional Enforcement Authority Regarding Violations of Size and Capacity Restrictions.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9N.2	Commissioner of Public Health Measures to Ensure Enforcement.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic
9O.1	Flexibility in Hiring Short-term Substitute Teachers.	Maintain for the duration of the pandemic