

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH
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. 7K, dated March 23, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health (the Commissioner) to temporarily waive, modify or suspend any regulatory requirements adopted by the Commissioner or any Boards or Commissions under Chapters 368a, 368d, 368v, 369 to 381a, inclusive, 382a, 383 to 388, inclusive, 398 to 399, inclusive, 400a, 400c and 474 of the Connecticut General Statutes as the Commissioner deems necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the public health; and

Whereas, on May 6, 2020, the Commissioner issued an Order modifying Sections 19a-36-D29(a) and 19a-36-D-32(a) of the Regulations of State Agencies to eliminate the requirement that a request for collection or analysis of a COVID-19 specimen be made by a licensed physician or other licensed person authorized by law to make diagnoses, and to eliminate the obligation to report the COVID-19 results to the licensed provider who ordered the testing.

Now, Therefore, in accord with the authority set forth above, **I hereby rescind and terminate such May 6, 2020 order, effective immediately**, and thereby reinstate the requirement that a request for collection or analysis of a COVID-19 specimen be made by a licensed physician or other licensed person authorized by law to make diagnoses, including, but not limited to, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, and pharmacists, and reinstate the obligation to report the COVID-19 results to the licensed provider who ordered the testing.

Ordered this 14th day of May 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Deidre S. Gifford".

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