

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12B

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC –
EXTENSION AND EXPIRATION OF COVID-19 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, September 1, 2020 and January 26, 2021 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, on May 13, 2021, I signed into law House Bill 6686, through which the General Assembly endorsed a renewal and extension of such declarations and authorized me to continue to exercise the emergency powers provided in Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes through July 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2021, I renewed the March 10, 2020, September 1, 2020, January 26, 2021 and April 19, 2021, 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 July 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 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, 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 12 or older and having vaccinated a large percentage of those most vulnerable to serious health effects from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, I have previously announced that consistent with improved vaccination rates and reductions in COVID-19 infection rates, certain outdoor activities, could resume safely on May 1, 2021, and that on May 19, 2021, most remaining business and social gathering restrictions could be lifted; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Chief Court Administrator on behalf of the Chief Justice, I have determined that the Judicial Branch may safely resume certain additional court operations and reinstate certain time requirements and deadlines necessary for such resumption, while there remains a need for flexibility regarding certain venue and location requirements, timelines and deadlines associated with court operations; and

WHEREAS, having consulted with agency leaders, department heads, municipal and legislative leaders, and other stakeholders, I have identified many COVID-19 Orders, that may be allowed to expire after today, may be codified or extended by pending legislation before the end of June, or

may require a period of weeks for an efficient transition to the normal statutory or regulatory procedures which they modified; 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 needed healthcare and childcare in a safe and effective manner 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, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

1. The following Executive Orders are repealed effective at 11:59 p.m. on May 20, 2021:

7E, Sections 3, 5	7M, Section 3	7DD, Sections 1, 2, 6, 7	7FFF, Section 1
7F, Section 3	7O, Section 1	7EE, Sections 1-4	10C, Section 1
7G, Sections 5, 6	7R, Section 5	7FF, Section 1	11A, Sections 1, 2
7J, Sections 5-7	7W, Sections 2, 8	7TT, Section 2	11B, Sections 3-5
7K, Section 1	7Z, Section 3	7CCC, Section 2	11D, Section 1

2. Executive Order No. 7K, Section 2 is extended through June 1, 2021.

3. The following Executive Orders are extended through June 30, 2021:

7B, Sections 1, 5, 6	7T, Section 6	7XX, Sections 3, 4	10A, Section 3**
7I, Sections 2, 3, 19	7V, Sections 3-5	7YY, Sections 2, 7, 8	10A, Section 5**
7J, Section 3	7CC, Sections 4-8	7CCC, Section 3	10E, Section 2
7L, Section 4	7DD, Sections 4, 5	7III, Section 3	11B, Section 1
7N, Section 6	7HH, Section 2	9H, Section 1	11B, Section 2 a.
7O, Section 4	7JJ, Sections 2, 3	9K, Section 8	
7Q, Section 3	7NN, Section 2	10, Section 6	

** see sections below for modifications to these orders.

4. The following Executive Orders are extended through July 20, 2021.

7F, Section 4	7II, Section 2	7AAA, Section 4	9Q, Sections 1, 3
7J, Section 4	7CC, Section 3	7QQ, Section 6	11C, Sections 1-4
7K, Section 5**	7KK, Section 1	7EEE, Section 1	9S, Section 2
7P, Section 1	7NN, Sections 3, 5-8	9, Section 1	11D, Sections 2, 3**
7Y, Sections 3-5	7SS, Sections 1-3**	10, Sections 1, 4	12A

** see sections below for modifications to these orders.

5. **Limited Extension of Executive Order No. 7K, Section 5.** Executive Order No. 7K, Section 5 is extended through July 20, 2021 only for employees employed before May 19, 2021 and volunteers engaged before that date who did not comply with the requirements set forth in section 19a-491c of the General Statutes as permitted under said order. The provisions of that Executive Order No. 7K, Section 5 shall not apply to employees hired on or after May 20, 2021 or volunteers first engaged after that date.
6. **Limited Extension of Executive Order No. 7M, Section 2.** Executive Order No. 7M, Section 2, subsection (2) is extended, retroactive to April 19, 2021, through June 30, 2021.
7. **Limited Extension of Executive Order No. 7SS, Sections 1-3.** Executive Order No. 7SS, Sections 1 through 3, are extended through July 20, 2021 only for temporary nurse aides employed before May 19, 2021. The provisions of those sections shall not apply to nor authorize the employment of temporary nurse aides on and after May 20, 2021.
8. **Subsequent Order to Follow Regarding Eviction Moratorium.** A subsequent order will follow regarding transition of the eviction moratorium (Executive Order No. 10A, Section 3) after June 30, 2021.
9. **Resumption of Additional Court Operations and Practices.** Executive Order No. 10A, Section 5 (partially extending Executive Order No. 7G, Section 2) is extended through June 30, 2021, but only as it relates to (1) all statutory location or venue requirements and (2) the right to speedy trial, including but not limited to Sections 54-82c, 54-82l and 54-82m of the Connecticut General Statutes. The remainder of Executive Order No. 10A, Section 5, shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on May 20, 2021.
10. **Modification of Executive Order No. 11D.** Executive Order No. 11D, Sections 2 and 3 are hereby modified to require that whenever exercising the authority in either of those orders, the department head or agency head must certify in writing to the specific reason that such exercise meets the requirement that the procurement is essential to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
11. **Any Other Executive Orders to Expire May 28, 2021.** Any order currently in effect that is not explicitly extended or modified by this Executive Order No. 12B shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on May 28, 2021, unless extended earlier.
12. **Modification of Thirty-Six Month Age Limit for Birth-to-Three Services.** Effective immediately and through June 30, 2021, (a) Section 17a-248 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and any associated regulations, rules, and policies are modified to authorize the Commissioner of the Office of Early Childhood to temporarily expand the definition of “eligible children” to include children who turn older than thirty-six months of age, who are presently engaged in early intervention services and not already determined to be eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B. The Commissioner may issue any order deemed necessary to implement this order.

(b) Sections 38a-490a and 38a-516a of the Connecticut General Statutes, and any associated regulations, rules, and policies are modified to require that the individual and group health insurance policies referenced in such sections shall continue to provide coverage for medically necessary remote early intervention services by qualified personnel after a covered child's third birthday when such child continues to receive such services in accordance with subsection (a) of this order.

13. **Extension of Municipal or Agency 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 July 20, 2021, unless earlier modified or terminated by the issuing authority or a subsequent executive order or by the expiration of its enabling executive order.

This order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect through July 20, 2021 unless earlier modified or terminated.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 20th day of May, 2021.



Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State

