

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – 6:45pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT**

To join the BOS Special Meeting remotely a link is provided on the Town's Website at www.columbiact.org. The meeting will be open to the public after the Executive Session starting at 7:00 pm.

6:45 SPECIAL MEETING CALL IN INFORMATION: Beverly Ciurylo is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting
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7:00 PM SPECIAL MEETING CALL IN INFORMATION: Beverly Ciurylo is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting
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CALL TO ORDER:

- 1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A).**
 - 1.1 Personnel.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 4.1 BOS Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2020.
- 5. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**
- 6. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 6.1 2020/21 Budget Update & Approval.
 - 6.2 Discussion Regarding Town Meeting April 7, 2020.
 - 6.3 Discussion Regarding the Needs of a Social Work Services.
- 7. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 7.1 Discussion on Town Meeting Legislation and Governor's Executive Orders.
 - 7.2 Approval of Twenty Ninth Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour August 15, 2020.
- 8. COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH.**
- 9. APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS.**
- 10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**
 - 10.1 Unified Command Update.

- 10.2 Town Department Update.
- 11. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - 11.1 CT. State Police Monthly Report for February 2020.
 - 11.2 Governor’s Executive Orders
 - 11.3 Articles in The Willimantic Chronicle
 - “Young female tests positive in Columbia
 - “Two more towns declare states of emergency”
 - “A ‘care’ – avan”
 - “Crews respond to two motorcycle accidents”
- 12. **BUDGET:**
 - 12.1 Transfers:
 - 12.2 Refunds:
- 13. **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- 14. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**
- 15. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 16. **ADJOURNMENT:**



TOWN OF COLUMBIA

323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Columbia, CT 06237
(860) 228-0110 FAX: (860) 228-1952

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

March 23, 2020

Jill Swenson
284 Route 87
Columbia, CT 06237

Re: Department of Public Works Administrative Assistant Position

Dear Jill:

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Administrative Assistant position for the Department of Public Works. Your first scheduled day of work is Tuesday, March 24, 2020. You will receive your current pay rate of \$27.23 per hour. Since this is a new position, your scheduled hours for the Public Works Department will start at 9 hours per week and is as follows:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am to 12:00pm

There is no change to scheduled hours in the Finance Department, but your schedule has been revised to accommodate your schedule in the Public Works Department. Your revised work schedule for the Finance Department will be as follows:

Mondays 8:00am to 4:00pm

Tuesdays 8:00am to 9:00am; 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:00am to 9:00am; 12:00pm to 3:30pm

Between the 2 departments, this will give you a schedule of 30 hours per week.

There is a probability that the hours will increase as you learn the position and work is delegated to you by the Public Works Director. Also, your schedule may be modified based on the needs of Public Works as well as Finance since you will be working in both departments. This will be worked out between both department heads as well as you.

Your time-off accruals will also be adjusted for your new weekly hours. Please see the attached spreadsheet for the adjustments. This will also be updated and reflected in the 04/03/20 payroll as well as the time-off spreadsheet maintained in my office. All other eligible benefits as defined in the handbook will remain the same.

If you accept the above terms for your positions with the Town of Columbia, please sign the acknowledgment after my signature on the back of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

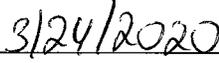


Mark Walter
Columbia Town Administrator

Please sign the acknowledgement of the updated employment terms:



Jill Swenson



Date

cc: Jill Swenson Personnel File
George Murphy, Public Works Director
Beverly Ciurylo, Finance Director

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 – 7:00pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: Steven M. Everett, First Selectman; Robert Hellstrom, Deputy Selectman; William O'Brien; Selectman; Judy Ortiz, Selectman.

Also Present: Beverly Ciurylo, Finance Director; Catherine Rowe, Chairman of Columbia Commission on Aging (CONA).

CALL TO ORDER: S. Everett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- 3.1 **BOS Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2020.** W. O'Brien MOVED to Approve the BOS Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2020 with Steven Everett abstaining. MOTION CARRIED 3.0.
4. **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- 5.1 2020-2021 Budget Review Workshop
 - a) **Medical Car:** Catherine Rowe, Chairman of CONA reviewed the reasons there is a need for a medical car and the reason given by neighboring towns why volunteer drivers did not work out. C. Rowe provided information that 24 rides to medical appointments were denied in January and 18 rides in February. Discussion ensued about the current van schedule, leasing a vehicle, the use of Dial-a-Ride, and the possibility of getting a grant. Concerns were addressed regarding the difficulties of scheduling doctors' appointments and meeting the needs of our seniors. S. Everett stated that he did not have enough information to put this forward in the budget for a vote and needed to meet with the Senior Center Director. He stated he wanted to see how the new van schedule is working for at least 3 months. W. O'Brien expressed that he felt we had reached a compromise with the change in schedule and that this will be an issue that will need to be addressed in the future if not addressed now. W. O'Brien MOVED to Approve \$50,000 for a medical vehicle. MOTION 3.0.1 with J. Ortiz, W. O'Brien and R. Hellstrom Voting Yes and S. Everett abstaining.
 - b) **Other Budget Items (as time permits):** B. Ciurylo reviewed the changes in the Operating and Capital budgets from the last BOS Meeting on 2/18/20. B. Ciurylo reviewed some information that was still needed for the 20/21 budget: \$1,000 grant to ACCESS, Social Services, Animal Control Officer, and Building Official contract renewal. B. Ciurylo stated that there was \$61,000 removed from Capital budget which was included in the list of changes that she had reviewed. The FY 20/21 proposed expenditures is \$264,246, a 6.55% increase without the additional \$50,000 added for the medical car. The Capital Budget & Capital Reserve Fund Plan for FY 20/21 has an increase of \$238,125 at 23.88%.

- **Motion to Move the BOS 20/21 Operating Budget and Capital Budget to FiPAC.** Discussion ensued about medical car and how to incorporate the \$50,000 into the budget. B. Ciurylo added \$20,000 to the Operating Budget and \$30,000 to the Capital Budget. This changed the overall increase in the Operating Budget to be \$286,236 or 7.05%. As for the Capital budget, the overall increase changed to \$268,125 or 26.89%. With the estimated Board of Education increase, the proposed budget increase will be over \$772,000. S. Everett MOVED to Move the BOS 20/21 Operating Budget and Capital Budget as presented with changes to FiPAC. MOTION CARRIED 3.1 with J. Ortiz, W. O'Brien and R. Hellstrom Voting YES and S. Everett Voting NO.

- 6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- 6.1 **To establish a Town Meeting on 4/7/2020 at 6:30 to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Town's Land Acquisition Fund as a capital contribution to be applied toward the purchase price of a certain parcel consisting of approximately 99.5 acres of open space land located in the Town of Columbia owned by Russell P. Inzinga, Trustee and the Estate of Angeline I. Bauer and located at Wells Wood Rd. (Lot 51 on Assessor's Map 38).** S. Everett MOVED to establish a Town Meeting on 4/7/2020 at 6:30pm to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Town's Land Acquisition Fund as a capital contribution to be applied toward the purchase price of a certain parcel consisting of approximately 99.5 acres of open space land located in the Town of Columbia owned by Russell P. Inzinga, Trustee and the Estate of Angeline I. Bauer and located at Wells Wood Rd. (Lot 51 on Assessor's Map 38). MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- 7. **COLUMBIA LAKE / DAM / BEACH:**
- 7.1 **Beach Sign.** Three samples were provided for possible consideration for the new beach sign. Discussion ensued about the different styles. M. Volza will bring back a mockup example for the BOS to vote on.

- 8. **APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS:**
- 8.1 **Appointment of Jason Arico to the Agriculture and Conservation Committee.** S. Everett MOVED to Appoint Jason Arico to the Agriculture and Conservation.
- 8.2 **Appointment of Alex Bothell to the Planning and Zoning Commission.** J. Ortiz explained that Alex will replace the vacancy. J. Ortiz MOVED to Appoint Alex Bothell to the Planning and Zoning Commission. MOTION Carried 4.0.

- 9. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**
- 9.1 **Update on Completion of 457b, 401a and 401b to Empower Retirement.** S. Everett explained that the 457b, 401a and 403b have been completed. He stated that there seems to be some questions regarding the 457b and 401a plans. To address those questions, a meeting is scheduled for March 23rd with employees to cover the following:
 - Bill DiCristofaro, our financial advisor, will demonstrate the Empower Retirement web site.
 - How to review your investments.
 - How to use the planning tools.
 - How to complete account aggregation
 - Understanding fees and expenses
 - One on one discussions with the advisor after the close of the presentation.

- 10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 10.1 **Annual Report.**

11. BUDGET:

- **Transfers:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Transfers totaling \$4,500. Transfers included \$3,000 from Professional/Tech to Supplies and \$1,500 from Group Insurance to Supplies to cover the cost of establishing a garden near the Moor’s Indian Charity School. MOTION CARRIED 4.0. S. MOVED to Approve the Transfer of \$8,000 from Group Insurance to Professional/Tech to cover the cost of upgrading the Town of Columbia’s website. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

TRANSFER#/AMOUNT	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C# DESCRIPTION
2020-018/\$3,000	10-4132-500/Professional /Tech	10-4610-300/Supplies
2020-018/\$1,500	10-4112-040/Group Insurance	10-4610-300/Supplies
2020-019/\$8,000.00	10-4112-040/Group Insurance	10-4113-500/Professional/Tech

11.1 Refunds: S. Everett MOVED to Approve Refunds totaling \$5,905.72.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$2,912.47	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Corelogic for Anthony A. Morascini, Jr. & Jeanne Morascini
\$2,758.49	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Corelogic for James R. Rand & Leanne J. Rand
\$226.43	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	Pattison Sign Group Inc.
\$8.33	TOWN OF COLUMBIA	David N. Kohn

MOTION CARRIED 4.0.

- 12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:** S. Everett MOVED to Approve the Payment of Bills totaling \$56,312.44, consisting of 2019-2020 Emergency, 2019-2020 Regular, Credit Card, and Paychex. MOTION CARRIED 4.0.
- 13. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** Catherine Rowe thanked the BOS for their consideration.
- 14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** R. Hellstrom thanked those who came to speak about their concerns at the BOS meeting.
- 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real estate per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D); Pending Litigation per State Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B); Personnel per State Statues Section 1-200(6)(A).** None.
- 16. ADJOURNMENT:** S. Everett MOVED to Adjourn at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie

Community Social Worker – Job Description

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:

The Community Social Services Worker (CSSW) is responsible for providing community based social services to identified groups, individuals and families in order to protect and improve the social well-being and functioning of families and individuals. That person will be work with federal, state and local organizations to aid those residents in need.

Supervision: The CSSW will work under the supervision of

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Evaluate clients based on their needs, desires and limitations.
- Maintain constant communication with clients while developing a plan to address their concerns.
- Be familiar with the various federal and state programs, assist those in need to apply for said services. This includes energy assistance, SNAP and WIC programs, Husky insurance referrals, budgeting classes, transportation assessment, housing questions, Medicare savings program plus others.
- Maintain food bank
- Referred people need home visits to ensure personal safety
- The CSSW will carefully assess the needs of the community, provides training for those who are caring for vulnerable loved one and share information as needed while be cognizant of Hippa.
- Communicate with the school, senior center, state trooper, EMT's and others as assessment are completed.
- Develop a program where neighbors are helping neighbors
- Respond to all crisis situations
- Advocate and raise awareness on behalf of clients and the needs of the community
- Draft service plans, review case progress and process case closures
- Follow all HIPPA guidelines

REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's Degree in Social Work
- 3+ years social work experience
- Valid and current LCSW or LMSW license
- Ability to make psychosocial assessments and develop and implement viable care plans
- Excellent listening and communication skills
- Proficient computer skills, including Microsoft Office Suite
- Self-directed and able to work without supervision
- Possesses a valid drivers license
- Take on additional community involvement projects and solve problems

The Town Social Workers provide resources, referrals, and public health education to town residents of all ages.

Some Social Work Services Provided:

- Referrals to services related to: mental health, medical, parenting, housing, finances, basic needs, etc.
- Providing information on area resources and services for the elderly, individuals with disabilities, children and families, low-income individuals, and those with a variety of other specialized needs
- Connecting residents with community supports to help complete applications for services such as: food stamps, social security disability, fuel assistance, DMH (Department of Mental Health), Access health etc....
- Accepting and managing community donations
- Providing community education
- Collaborating with community groups to address community needs and concerns, and to strengthen community connections



Commanding Officer
Lt. Marc Petruzzi #037

State of Connecticut



Connecticut State Police Troop K - Colchester



Executive Officer
Master Sergeant Eric Peck
#085

Date: 03-01-2020

Mr. Steve Everett
Columbia First Selectman
323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway
Columbia, CT 06237

Dear Mr. Steve Everett

This correspondence is an effort to keep you apprised of the monthly police services occurring within the Town of Columbia.

During the month of February 2020 the Columbia Resident Trooper as well as Troop K Troopers responded to 249 Calls for Service in the Town of Columbia. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	8
Burglaries:	0
Larcenies:	0
Other Criminal:	5
Other Non-Criminal:	6
Non Reportable Matters:	108
Other Noteworthy Events (List):	
(5) Emergency Committals	
(2) Domestic Disturbances	
(1) JV arrest for Sexting	

In addition to the above investigations Troopers conducted the following motor vehicle enforcement:

On-Sight DWI:	1
Traffic Citations:	50
Written Warnings:	17

Sincerely,

Lt. Marc Petruzzi #037
COMMANDING OFFICER
Troop "K" Colchester, CT

15A Old Hartford Road
Colchester, Connecticut 06415
Phone (860) 537-7500
FAX (860) 537-7550

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7

2020 MAR 12 03 18

CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND
RESPONSE**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; 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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 among persons who are living in congregate settings, such as long-term care facilities, and most residents of long-term care facilities are at increased risk for severe COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow down the transmission of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Sections 10-15 and 10-16 of the Connecticut General Statutes require that public schools be in session for at least 180 days during each year and for nine hundred hours of actual schoolwork for full-day kindergarten and grades one to twelve, inclusive, and four hundred and fifty hours for half-day kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, due to these unprecedented circumstances and because of the existence of this public health emergency and the anticipated temporary closure of schools due to COVID-19 risks where such local and regional boards of education deem it necessary to protect the safety and public health, multiple school districts may not be able to fulfill these requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Public Health and my administration continue to manage the public health aspects of this incident;

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. **Prohibition of Large Gatherings.** Throughout the State, gatherings of 250 people or more for social and recreational activities including, but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities; are prohibited. Such prohibition shall remain in effect until midnight on April 30, 2020, unless modified by a future Executive Order. Nothing in this order shall prohibit any spiritual gathering or worship service. Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to Section 28-22 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. **Limits on Nursing Home Visitors.** Section 19a-550(b)(12) of the Connecticut General Statutes, specifically providing that each patient in a nursing home facility, residential care home or chronic disease hospital "may associate ... privately with persons of the patient's choice, including other patients," is hereby modified to provide that the Commissioner of Public Health may issue restrictions on the number, category and frequency of outside visitors and the screening and protective measures as the Commissioner may deem necessary to assure the health and welfare of patients in a nursing home facility, residential care home or chronic disease hospital, provided that nothing in this order or any order by the Commissioner may prohibit a visit, where sufficient protective measures are able to be put in place, from 1) at least one family member, domestic partner, or other person designated by the patient, each day; 2) a patient's attorney, conservator, or any process server related to matters under the jurisdiction of the Probate Court; 3) persons necessary to conduct hearings under the jurisdiction of the Probate Court; or 4) a person authorized by law to oversee or investigate the provision of care and services (e.g. ombudsman). Except as provided herein regarding visitors, nothing in this order shall suspend or modify the provisions of Sec. 19a-550(b)(12) providing the right to communicate privately with persons of the patient's choice, send and receive the patient's personal mail unopened and make and receive telephone calls privately, unless medically contraindicated, as documented by the patient's physician or advanced practice registered nurse in the patient's medical record.
3. **Waiver of 180-Day School Year.** For the 2019-2020 school year, the mandates of Sections 10-15 and 10-16 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and any associated implementing regulations or policies, requiring 180 school day sessions and the associated requirements for a threshold number of hours of actual school work, are immediately suspended for all schools that are closed for any period of time due to COVID-19 risks and, upon the reopening of the schools, hold school sessions through June 30, 2020. Nothing in this order shall preclude schools from satisfying the existing mandates of Sections 10-15 and 10-16 sooner than June 30, 2020 through distance learning or other alternatives approved by the Commissioner of Education. The Commissioner shall approve any such alternatives if they are filed with the State Department of Education on or before June 1, 2020 and consist of an attestation by the Superintendent or school leadership official, and signed

by the Chair of the local or regional board of education, stating that the alternative methods comply with all legal and regulatory requirements.

4. **Extension of DMV Licensing Renewal Deadlines and Suspension of Other DMV Requirements.** Pursuant to Section 14-5c of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is authorized for the duration of the aforementioned public health and civil preparedness emergency to issue such orders pursuant to such section as she deems necessary.
5. **Modification of Police Academy Attendance Requirements.** Section 7-294e-15 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which prohibits police training academy recruits from being absent from any basic training program for more than five days, is hereby suspended. The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection or his designee, subject to their discretion, may permit leave in excess of five days for any recruit if they determine such leave to be necessary as a result of the effects of or response to the COVID 19 pandemic; may permit a recruit on such leave to continue basic training via distance learning; and may permit a recruit who is unable, because of extended absence as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, to complete the basic training in the next available or a future training class.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the aforementioned state of emergency, unless earlier modified by me.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 12th day of March, 2020.



Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7A

**PROTECTION OF RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES,
RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES AND CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITALS
DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; 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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 is higher for people who are 60 years old or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 among persons who are living in congregate settings, such as long-term care facilities, and residents of long-term care facilities are at increased risk for severe COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow down the transmission of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 7, which, among other things, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to restrict visitation in nursing home facilities, residential care homes and chronic disease hospitals, with certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, nursing homes and related facilities throughout Connecticut are experiencing staffing shortages as a result of the closure of schools and other effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing the risks to patients, residents, and staff; and

WHEREAS, there exists a compelling state interest in restricting visitation in nursing home facilities, residential care homes and chronic disease hospitals to protect the health and safety of their patients, residents, and staff;

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. For the duration of the aforementioned public health and civil preparedness emergencies, or until such time as I repeal or modify this executive order, notwithstanding Section 19a-550(b)(12) of the Connecticut General Statutes or any other statute, regulation, local rule or ordinance or provision of law, the Commissioner of Public Health is authorized to issue any and all orders restricting entrance into nursing home facilities, residential care homes or chronic disease hospitals that she deems necessary to protect the health and welfare of patients, residents and staff.
2. This order supersedes paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 7 ("Limits on Nursing Home Visitors"). All other provisions of Executive Order No. 7 remain in effect.

This order shall take effect immediately.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 13th day of March, 2020.

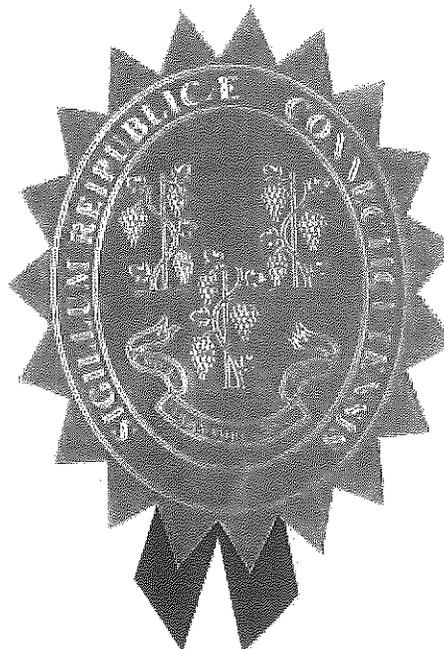


Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BY HIS EXCELLENCY
NED LAMONT
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7B

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MARCH 13 2020

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND RESPONSE – FURTHER SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF STATUTES**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7, dated March 12, 2020, prohibited gatherings of 250 people or more for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, and sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities, and suspended various statutes and regulations to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7A, dated March 13, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to restrict entrance into nursing homes and similar facilities to protect people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19; 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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 among persons living in congregate settings, such as long-term care facilities, and most residents of long-term care facilities are at increased risk for severe COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow transmission of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, attendance at public meetings and proceedings is likely to increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, increased demand on the healthcare system resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic has created an imminent shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE); and

WHEREAS, the imminent shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) will significantly impact pharmacies compounding sterile pharmaceuticals in the State of Connecticut due to their inability to comply with statutorily mandated garbing requirements;

WHEREAS, the Department of Consumer Protection has issued liquor permits to persons and organizations sponsoring public outings, picnics, social or charitable events that would draw crowds of people, but fees for such permits are currently non-refundable;

WHEREAS, the need to enact social distancing, limit large crowds, and other measures, combined with the closure of schools and workplaces to limit the transmission of COVID-19, has vastly expanded the need for childcare for families throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Section 19a-420 (1) of the Connecticut General Statutes provides in relevant part that youth camps operate based on a summer instructional program schedule; and

WHEREAS, due to unprecedented circumstances and because of the existence of this public health emergency and the anticipated need for additional childcare for families faced with multiple school closures, it is deemed necessary to allow camps to open and provide care for a period longer than the summer season; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-16p (6) of the Connecticut General Statutes requires School Readiness programs to remain open for 50 weeks of the year; and

WHEREAS, due to the unprecedented circumstances and because of the existence of this public health emergency and the temporary closure of School Readiness programs due to COVID-19 risks, where such School Readiness programs deem it necessary to protect the safety and public health, multiple School Readiness programs may not be able to fulfill this requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy directs and oversees the Health Systems Planning Unit established under section 19a-612 and all of its duties and responsibilities as set forth in Sections 19-610 through 19-689 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Health Systems Planning Unit oversees the Certificate of Need program, hospital financial reporting and other functions; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers in the state of Connecticut may need the flexibility to establish temporary health care facilities to test, diagnose and treat patients exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 in response to the anticipated surge in COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, the current licensed bed capacity within the state of Connecticut may be insufficient to accommodate and facilitate the safe and effective treatment of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of certain imaging equipment is required to diagnose, treat, and monitor the progression of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Section 19a-638(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes requires a certificate of need for the establishment of a new health care facility; the establishment of a freestanding emergency department; the acquisition of computed tomography scanners; and an increase in licensed bed capacity of a health care facility in the state of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Section 19a-639a through 19a-639f of the Connecticut General Statutes sets forth notice requirements and timelines related to the certificate of need analytic process, and sets forth a process to request public hearings;

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. Suspension of In-Person Open Meeting Requirements.** Sections 1-206, 1-225, and 1-226 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and any open meeting provision of any municipal charter, ordinance, or regulation that conflicts with this order, are suspended to the extent necessary to permit any public agency to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting or requiring in-person, public access to such meetings, and to hold such meetings or proceedings remotely by conference call, videoconference or other technology, provided that: 1) the public has the ability to view or listen to each meeting or proceeding in real time, by telephone, video, or other technology; 2) any such meeting or proceeding is recorded or transcribed, and such recording or transcript shall be posted on the agency's website within seven (7) days of the meeting or proceeding, and made available within a reasonable time in the agency's office; 3) the required notice and agenda for each meeting or proceeding is posted on the agency's website and shall include information about how the meeting will be conducted and how the public can access it; 4) any materials relevant to matters on the agenda, including but not limited to materials related to specific applications, if applicable, shall be submitted to the agency a minimum of twenty four (24) hours prior and posted to the agency's website for public inspection prior to, during, and after the meeting, and any exhibits to be submitted by members of the public shall, to the extent feasible, also be submitted to the agency a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting and posted to the agency's website for public inspection prior to, during, and after the meeting; and 5) all speakers taking part in any such meeting or proceeding shall clearly state their name and title, if applicable, before speaking on each occasion that they speak.
- 2. Waiver of Manufacturer Registration Requirement for Hand Sanitizer:** The requirement for a manufacturer registration under 21a-70(b) of the Connecticut General

Statutes, and any associated implementing regulations or policies, is suspended to authorize the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to allow pharmacists licensed pursuant to chapter 400j to compound and sell finished hand sanitizer products over the counter to customers requesting this product, provided that the Commissioner shall issue an implementing order to prescribe the rules for such activity, and such activity shall be allowed only upon issuance of such order.

3. **Suspension of Garbing Requirements For Non-Hazardous Compounding of Sterile Pharmaceuticals.** The requirement in Section 20-633b of the Connecticut General Statutes that pharmacies compounding sterile pharmaceuticals, in community pharmacies and institutional pharmacies, meet the garbing requirements set forth in United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Chapter 797 is suspended for the purpose of allowing such pharmacies to continue compounding non-hazardous sterile pharmaceuticals. This suspension shall apply only to the garbing requirements for non-hazardous compounding of sterile pharmaceuticals and shall apply only for the duration of this imminent shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE), as determined by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Pharmacies compounding sterile pharmaceuticals shall follow all other relevant state and federal laws and shall comply with all other requirements set forth in United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Chapter 797. Additionally, all deviations from current Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for garbing shall be memorialized and dated. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may issue any implementing orders that she deems necessary.
4. **Refunds of Certain Liquor License Application Fees Permissible.** Section 30-39(b)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, is modified to authorize the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to cancel and refund the application fee for a liquor permit to any person or organization who cancels public outings, picnics, social or charitable events, and no longer requires the liquor permit granted for use at the event. The Commissioner may issue any such implementing orders as she deems necessary.
5. **Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview Requirements for Temporary Family Assistance.** Section 17b-688c of the Connecticut General Statutes is suspended to authorize the Commissioner of Social Services to 1) waive prohibitions on temporary family assistance to applicants prior to an applicant's attendance at an employment services interview or participation in development of an employment services plan, 2) to consider the effects of or a pandemic or the response to it as good cause when assessing compliance with any provision of Section 17b-688c, and 3) issue any implementing orders that she deems necessary.
6. **Flexibility to Maintain Adequate Childcare Resources.** The provisions of Sections 10-16p (6), 10-530, 19a-420 through 19a-429, 19a-77, 19a-79 through 19a-87f and 10-530 of the Connecticut General Statutes and any associated regulations, rules, and policies regarding youth camps, family childcare homes, childcare centers, and group childcare homes, are modified to authorize the Commissioner of Early Childhood to temporarily waive any requirements, including licensing requirements, contained therein as she deems

necessary to maintain a sufficient capacity of childcare services or otherwise respond to the need for childcare during this public health and civil preparedness emergency. The Commissioner may issue any implementing orders that she deems necessary.

7. **Flexibility to Provide For Adequate Healthcare Resources and Facilities.** Sections 19a-610 through 19a-689 of the Connecticut General Statutes and any related regulations, rules, or policies are modified to authorize the Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy to waive provisions of such sections as she deems necessary to ensure that adequate healthcare resources and facilities are available to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to issue any implementing orders that she deems necessary.

Unless specified herein, each provision of this order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified or terminated by me.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 14th day of March, 2020.

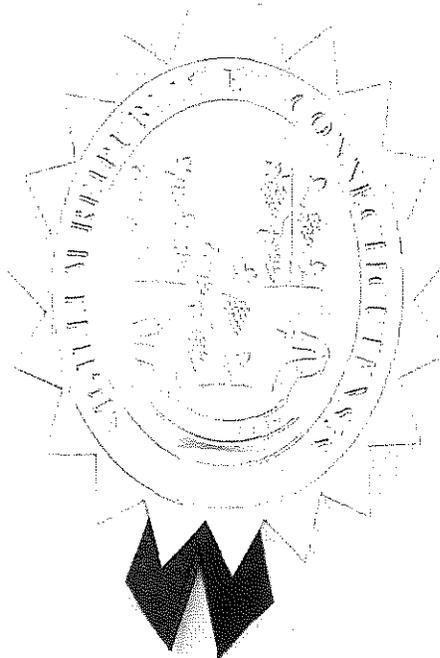


Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7C

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND RESPONSE – FURTHER SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF STATUTES**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7, dated March 12, 2020, prohibited gatherings of 250 people or more for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, and sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities, and suspended various statutes and regulations to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7A, dated March 13, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to restrict entrance into nursing homes and similar facilities to protect people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7B, dated March 14, 2020, among other things, modified in-person open meetings requirements, waived certain rules to mitigate the critical shortage of hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment (PPE), maintain and increase the availability of childcare, and provide for increased healthcare resources and facilities; 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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow transmission of

the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, attendance at public meetings and proceedings is likely to increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 among persons residing in congregate settings, such as inpatient or outpatient hospitals, clinics or other facilities for the diagnosis, observation or treatment of persons with psychiatric and intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, there exists a compelling state interest in collecting health information pertaining to COVID-19 and its spread throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health has added COVID-19 to the list of reportable diseases under Section 19a-215 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 17a-547 of the Connecticut General Statutes governs the rights of patients to receive visitors at regular visiting hours at inpatient or outpatient hospitals, clinics or other facilities for the diagnosis, observation or treatment of persons with psychiatric and intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Section 17a-238 of the Connecticut General Statutes governs the rights of persons under the supervision of the Commissioner of Developmental Services to communicate freely and privately with any person; and

WHEREAS, Section 52-146e of the Connecticut General Statutes limits the disclosure of information that identifies a patient to any person, corporation or governmental agency without the consent of the patient or the patient's authorized representative; and

WHEREAS, Section 52-146f of the Connecticut General Statutes provides exceptions to Section 52-146e of the Connecticut General Statutes;

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. **Cancellation of School Classes.** To promote and secure the safety and protection of children in schools related to the risks of COVID-19, all public school classes will be cancelled for all students effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until March 31, 2020, unless extended beyond that date. Private schools and other non-public schools are encouraged to follow the same schedule. The Connecticut State Department of Education, the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the Department of Children and Families, and the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, are directed to immediately work together to implement measures to provide for the health, nutrition, safety, educational needs and well-being of children during the class cancellation period.

2. **Flexibility of Graduation Requirements, and Prescribed Courses of Study.** The provisions of Sections 10-16b and 10-221a, and any associated regulations, rules, and policies regarding prescribed courses of study and graduation requirements are modified to authorize the Commissioner of Education to temporarily waive any requirements contained therein as he deems necessary to address the impact of COVID-19 and school class cancellations.
3. **Flexibility for Educator Prep Programs.** The provisions of Section 10-145a, and any associated regulations, rules, and policies regarding educator preparation programs are modified to authorize the Commissioner of Education to temporarily waive any requirements, contained therein as he deems necessary to address the repercussions of college, university, and school class cancellations on students pursuing secondary education programs. The Commissioner may issue any order that he deems necessary to implement this order.
4. **Flexibility for Educator Certification Timelines, Educator Evaluations, and School In-Services.** The provisions of Sections 10-145, 10-145b, 10-145d, 10-151b, 10-151 and 10-220a, and any associated regulations, rules, and policies regarding educator certification timelines, evaluations, and professional development requirements are modified to authorize the Commissioner of Education to temporarily waive any requirements contained therein as he deems necessary to address the impact the school class cancellations and COVID-19 risks when classes resume and students return. The Commissioner may issue any order that he deems necessary to implement this order.
5. **Extension of Municipal Budget Adoption Deadlines.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Connecticut General Statutes, including Title 7, or any special act, municipal charter or ordinance, that conflicts with this order, all municipal budget deadlines for the preparation of the municipal budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 that fall on any date prior to and including May 15, 2020 are extended by thirty (30) days. The legislative body of the municipality, or in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, the board of selectmen, may alter or modify the schedules and deadlines pertaining to the preparation and submission of a proposed budget and the deliberation or actions on said budget by the legislative body or other fiscal authority, including any required public hearing(s), publication, referendum or final budget adoption. All submission dates may be postponed until such time as the legislative body approves said modified schedule and deadline, consistent with the thirty (30) day extension.
6. **Extension of Regional Board of Education Budget Adoption Deadlines.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Connecticut General Statutes, including Title 10, or any special act, municipal charter or ordinance, that conflicts with this order, all budget deadlines for the preparation of regional school district budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 that fall on any date prior to and including May 15, 2020 may be extended by thirty (30) days. Any regional board of education may alter or modify the schedules and deadlines pertaining to the preparation and submission of a proposed budget and the

deliberation or actions on said budget by the legislative body or other fiscal authority, including any required public hearing(s), publication, referendum or final budget adoption.

7. **Remote Conduct of DMV Operations.** To protect public health and safety, particularly the risk of transmission of COVID-19, by reducing in-person interactions, Title 14 of the Connecticut General Statutes is hereby modified to authorize the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue any and all orders she deems necessary to close any DMV branch to transaction of business by the public, facilitate the conduct of business remotely using online methods or any other feasible means, including provision of any notice or conduct of any hearing required pursuant to that Title, waive the suspension of licenses and other credentials as required, and waive, modify or suspend related requirements in Title 14 that result from closure of DMV branch offices to the public. The Commissioner may suspend any timeline or deadline for any notice or hearing required by this Title or by the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act for up to 90 days. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall post a plan on its website to instruct customers how to conduct business remotely and provide updated information on services conducted by its partners. The DMV shall implement its plan as soon as feasible, and shall review the plan weekly to determine whether any modifications are necessary.
8. **Limits on Visitors to Facilities That Treat Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities.** For the duration of the aforementioned public health and civil preparedness emergencies, or until such time as I repeal or modify this executive order, notwithstanding Section 17a-547 of the Connecticut General Statutes or any other statute, regulation, local rule or ordinance or provision of law, the Commissioners of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Department of Public Health are authorized to issue any and all orders restricting entrance into facilities, as defined in Section 17a-540(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, including Whiting Forensic Hospital, that the Commissioners deem necessary to protect the health and welfare of patients, residents and staff.
9. **Limits on Visitors to the Southbury Training School.** For the duration of the aforementioned public health and civil preparedness emergencies, or until such time as I repeal or modify this executive order, notwithstanding Section 17a-238 of the of the Connecticut General Statutes or any other statute, regulation, local rule or ordinance or provision of law, the Commissioners of the Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Public Health are authorized to issue any and all orders restricting entrance into facilities, as referenced in Section 17a-231(1), the Southbury Training School and any other facility operated by the Department of Developmental Services that the Commissioners deem necessary to protect the health and welfare of patients, residents and staff.
10. **COVID-19 Information Sharing Between Facilities That Treat Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities, DPH, and Local Health Directors.** For the duration of the aforementioned public health and civil preparedness emergencies, or until such time as I

repeal or modify this executive order, Section 52-146f of the Connecticut General Statutes is amended to permit the Commissioner of Public Health and Local Health Directors to disclose communications or records to report cases of COVID-19 as required under Section 19a-215 of the Connecticut General Statutes and as they may deem necessary to limit the further spread of COVID-19 or respond to this public health and civil preparedness emergency.

Unless specified herein, each provision of this order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified or terminated by me.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 15th day of March, 2020.



Ned Lamont
Ned Lamont
Governor



By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7D

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND RESPONSE – CROWD REDUCTION AND SOCIAL DISTANCING**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7, dated March 12, 2020, among other things, prohibited gatherings of 250 people or more for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, and sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities, and suspended various statutes and regulations to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7A, dated March 13, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to restrict entrance into nursing homes and similar facilities to protect people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7B, dated March 14, 2020, among other things, modified in-person open meetings requirements, waived certain rules to mitigate the critical shortage of hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment (PPE), maintain and increase the availability of childcare, and provide for increased healthcare resources and facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order 7C, dated March 15, 2020, among other things, cancelled classes in public schools for at least two weeks, provided for closure and remote conduct of business at Department of Motor Vehicle branches, extended deadlines for municipal budget preparations, and suspended or modified laws and regulations governing health care data and visitation at certain health care and congregate care settings; 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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow transmission of the virus, including cancellation of gatherings of fifty people or more and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health has added COVID-19 to the list of reportable diseases under Section 19a-215 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut is coordinating with other states to develop consistent strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 infections throughout the state and region;

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. Further Reduction of Large Crowds. Effective immediately, and through April 30, 2020, unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated by me, the prior order set forth in Executive Order No. 7 prohibiting social and recreational gatherings of 250 people or more is hereby amended and modified to require that all such gatherings of 50 or more people, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; plays or live performances; conventions; and similar activities, as well as religious, spiritual or worship gatherings of such size, are prohibited throughout the State of Connecticut.
2. Limits on Restaurant, Bar and Private Club Operations. Effective at 8 p.m. on March 16, 2020 and through April 30, 2020, unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated by me, any restaurant or eating establishment and any location licensed for on-premise consumption of alcoholic liquor in the State of Connecticut, except for Class III and Class II Tribal Gaming enterprises, shall only serve food or non-alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption. The Governor continues to work with the state's federally recognized tribes on the temporary closure of their casino operations and, if necessary, reserves the right to address on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages on tribal lands in a future Executive Order.
3. Closure of Off-Track Betting Facility Operations. Effective at 8 p.m. on March 16, 2020 and through April 30, 2020, unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated by me, any facility authorized to conduct off-track betting shall cease on-site operations.

4. Restriction on Gym, Sports, Fitness and Recreation Facility and Movie Theater Operations. Effective at 8 p.m. on March 16, 2020 and through April 30, 2020, unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated by me, any indoor gym, fitness center, or similar facility or studio offering in-person fitness, sporting or recreational opportunities or instructions, and all movie theaters shall cease all operations.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 16th day of March, 2020.



Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7E

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND RESPONSE – FURTHER SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF STATUTES**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7, dated March 12, 2020, among other things, prohibited gatherings of 250 people or more for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, and sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities, and suspended various statutes and regulations to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7A, dated March 13, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to restrict entrance into nursing homes and similar facilities to protect people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7B, dated March 14, 2020, among other things, modified in-person open meetings requirements, waived certain rules to mitigate the critical shortage of hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment (PPE), maintain and increase the availability of childcare, and provide for increased healthcare resources and facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order 7C, dated March 15, 2020, among other things, cancelled classes in public schools for at least two weeks, provided for closure and remote conduct of business at Department of Motor Vehicle branches, extended deadlines for municipal budget preparations, and suspended or modified laws and regulations governing health care data and visitation at certain health care and congregate care settings; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order 7D, dated March 16, 2020, restricted social and recreational gatherings of all types to fewer than 50 people, closed bars and restaurants to all service except food and non-alcoholic beverage takeout and delivery, closed gyms, fitness centers and movie theaters, and prohibited on-site operations at off-track betting facilities; 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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow transmission of the virus, including cancellation of gatherings of fifty people or more and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Sections 10-15 and 10-16 of the Connecticut General Statutes require that public schools be in session for at least 180 days during each year and for nine hundred hours of actual schoolwork for full-day kindergarten and grades one to twelve, inclusive, and four hundred and fifty hours for half-day kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, due to these unprecedented circumstances and because of the existence of this public health emergency and the anticipated temporary closure of schools due to COVID-19 risks where such local and regional boards of education deem it necessary to protect the safety and public health, multiple school districts may not be able to fulfill these requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and State Police are critical to the response to this public health and civil preparedness emergency, and must prioritize personnel and resources to critical public safety needs, as well as limit transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the pandemic does not cause undue hardship for the state's poorest residents, and to ensure that the Department of Social Services has the necessary flexibility to prioritize work during a period of diminished operational capacity; and

WHEREAS, in-person attendance at a fair hearing held by the Department of Social Services (DSS) is likely to increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19, and DSS must fulfill its statutory responsibilities concerning fair hearings in the event of the closure of buildings or staff reduction as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic by holding telephonic hearings;

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. **Waiver of 180-Day School Year.** The provisions of Sections 10-15 and 10-16, and any associated regulations, rules, and policies regarding the requirement for 180 days of school per year and certain hours of schoolwork are modified to allow all public schools, upon reopening in the spring 2020, to close school on

their normally scheduled end-dates, so long as local and regional boards of education provide opportunities for continuity of education to all students, to the greatest extent possible, and consistent with federal and state guidance. This order modifies my previous Executive Order No. 7 issued on March 12, 2020, as a result of evolving circumstances, including my Executive Order No. 7C issued March 15, 2020, which cancelled classes in all Connecticut schools from March 17, 2020 until at least March 31, 2020, and the potential impact on schools that may be subject to longer-term cancellations of in-school classes.

2. **Suspension of Required Fingerprinting Availability.** Section 29-17c (a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which prohibits employees of a municipal police department or the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection from refusing to collect the fingerprints of a person requesting such fingerprinting for the purposes of a criminal history records check, is hereby suspended. The chief of police or Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection or his designee, subject to their discretion, may limit or eliminate fingerprinting hours to limit the transmission of COVID-19 or focus resources on critical public safety needs. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall continue to perform fingerprinting services for long term care providers pursuant to section 19a-491c of the general statutes at its headquarters in Middletown. Unless modified by further order of the Commissioner or me, State Police barracks will continue to remain open to the general public for other business.
3. **Extension of Time Period for Permits.** Connecticut General Statutes §§ 21-40, 21-47d, 29-28a, 29-147, 29-152h, 29-155b, 29-161m, 29-161q, 29-161z, 29-349, 29-357 are modified to authorize the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to extend the expiration date of any permit, license or other credential governed by such sections that expires or expired at any time on or after March 1, 2020, by 90 days, provided that he is authorized to revoke such extensions as he deems necessary in his sole discretion to protect public safety, and to further extend such expiration dates or deadlines for the duration of this public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless extended or terminated by me, and to issue such implementing orders as he deems necessary.
4. **Suspension of the Immediate Recoupment of Public Assistance Benefit Overpayments.** Section 17b-88 and any implementing regulations are modified to authorize the Commissioner of Social Services, to the extent permitted by federal law, to temporarily suspend recoupment of non-fraudulent overpayments for public assistance programs for the duration of this public health and civil preparedness emergency, and issue any implementing orders she deems necessary.

5. **Suspension of In-Person Hearing Attendance at DSS Fair Hearings.**
Section 17b-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes is hereby modified to authorize the Commissioner of Social Services to suspend any requirement that an aggrieved person authorized by law to request a fair hearing on a decision of the Commissioner appear in person at such hearing.

Unless specified herein, this order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified by me.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 17th day of March, 2020.



Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7F

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND RESPONSE – FURTHER CROWD REDUCTION AND OTHER MEASURES**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7, dated March 12, 2020, among other things, prohibited gatherings of 250 people or more for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, and sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities, and suspended various statutes and regulations to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7A, dated March 13, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to restrict entrance into nursing homes and similar facilities to protect people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7B, dated March 14, 2020, among other things, modified in-person open meetings requirements, waived certain rules to mitigate the critical shortage of hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment (PPE), maintain and increase the availability of childcare, and provide for increased healthcare resources and facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order 7C, dated March 15, 2020, among other things, cancelled classes in public schools for at least two weeks, provided for closure and remote conduct of business at Department of Motor Vehicle branches, extended deadlines for municipal budget preparations, and suspended or modified laws and regulations governing health care data and visitation at certain health care and congregate care settings; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order 7D, dated March 16, 2020, restricted social and recreational gatherings of all types to fewer than 50 people, closed bars and restaurants to all service except food and non-alcoholic beverage takeout and delivery, closed gyms, fitness centers and movie theaters, and prohibited on-site operations at off-track betting facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order 7E, dated March 17, 2020, among other things, waived the requirement for an 180-day school year, suspended fingerprinting availability to that for critical requirements, extended the duration of various licenses and permits under the authority of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and public protection, and suspended certain requirements for recoupment of overpayment and hearings conducted by the Department of Social Services; 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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow transmission of the virus, including cancellation of gatherings of fifty people or more and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, there exists a critical need to protect the health of residents and patients of various types of nursing, long term care, and psychiatric facilities while providing for essential legal proceedings under the authority of the Probate Court in order to protect the legal rights of certain such residents; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 7C ordered the cancellation of classes at all public schools throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut Unified School District 1 (established per Section 18-99a) and Unified School District 2 (established per Section 17a-37), and Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services inpatient facilities providing school classes, are uniquely situated entities and require individualized considerations to maintain stability for the population; and

WHEREAS, the existing COVID-19 pandemic and the accelerating spread of the disease in Connecticut require additional, extraordinary mitigation and social distancing measures, particularly in response to incidents of large gatherings resulting from school cancellations, to protect the public health and safety of our citizens; and

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. **Closure of Large Shopping Malls.** For purposes of this Order, “Large Shopping Malls” means the Brass Mill Center in Waterbury, the Connecticut Post Mall in Milford, the Crystal Mall in Waterford, the Danbury Fair Mall in Danbury, the Stamford Town Center in Stamford, The Shoppes at Buckland Hills in Manchester, the SoNo Collection in Norwalk, Westfarms Mall in

Farmington, the Westfield Mall in Meriden and the Westfield Mall in Trumbull. Effective at 8 p.m. on March 19, 2020 and through April 30, 2020, unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated by me, all indoor common areas of Large Shopping Malls shall be closed to the public. Any stores, pharmacies, restaurants or other establishments located within or connected to Large Shopping Malls, which have their own external entrances and exits, separate from the general entrances to the Large Shopping Malls, may remain open to the public, provided that (a) only the separate entrances and exits are used; (b) any restaurant or eating establishment and any location licensed for on-premise consumption of alcoholic liquor shall remain subject to Executive Order No. 7D, which requires all such restaurants and establishments to only serve food or non-alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption; (c) any interior entrances to common areas of the Large Shopping Malls remain closed to the public; and (d) they abide by and comply with all state and local health and safety codes and ordinances and any other existing or future Executive Orders issued pursuant to the current Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergency.

2. **Closure of Places of Public Amusement.** Effective at 8:00 p.m. on March 19, 2020 and through April 30, 2020, unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated by me, all places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to, locations with amusement rides, carnivals, amusement parks, water parks, aquariums, zoos, arcades, fairs, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, and other family and children's amusement attractions shall be closed to the public. This directive shall not apply to public parks and open recreation areas.
3. **Expansion of Medicaid Telehealth Coverage to Audio-Only Telephone.** Section 17b-262 of the Connecticut General Statutes and any implementing regulations, policies rules or other directives related to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program, whether or not specifically adopted pursuant to said statute, are modified to authorize the Commissioner of Social Services to temporarily waive any requirements contained therein as the Commissioner deems necessary to enable the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program to cover applicable services provided through audio-only telehealth services. The Commissioner may issue any order and take other action that she deems necessary to implement this order.
4. **Waiver of In-Person Service, Hearing, and Screening Requirements for Facilities that Have Issued Orders Limiting Visitor Access to Protect the Public Health.** Notwithstanding sections 52-57(a), 45a-644 through 45a-667u, 17a-495 through 17a-528, 17a-540 through 17a-550, 45a-669 through 45a-683, and 45a-703 of the Connecticut General Statutes, 1) any requirement for personal service is waived as it relates to any person currently located in a facility that has restricted visitor access under an emergency order issued by a

state agency pursuant to an Executive Order, and service may be made by serving an administrator or the administrator's designee provided that the administrator or administrator's designee shall sign a certification, provided by the process server, that the named party is currently located in the facility and that the administrator or administrator's designee will personally serve the named party; and 2) any requirement for an in-person meeting, hearing, or screening is waived and meetings, hearings, or screenings may take place by any other method that allows for the participation of the interested parties. For the purposes of this order, "administrator" shall mean the nursing home administrator or such other person with administrative oversight of the facility who is on site at the time of service.

- 5. Continuation of Classes and Programming at Certain State-operated Schools.** Connecticut Unified School District 1, established per Section 18-99a of the Connecticut General Statutes, Unified School District 2, established pursuant to Section 17a-37, and Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services inpatient facilities providing school classes or programs are exempt from Section 1 of Executive Order No. 7C, which cancelled school classes throughout the state.

Unless specified herein, this order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified by me.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 18th day of March, 2020.



Ned Lamont
Governor



By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7G

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND RESPONSE – PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY POSTPONEMENT AND
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7, dated March 12, 2020, among other things, prohibited gatherings of 250 people or more for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, and sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities, and suspended various statutes and regulations to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7A, dated March 13, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to restrict entrance into nursing homes and similar facilities to protect people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7B, dated March 14, 2020, among other things, modified in-person open meetings requirements, waived certain rules to mitigate the critical shortage of hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment (PPE), maintain and increase the availability of childcare, and provide for increased healthcare resources and facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7C, dated March 15, 2020, among other things, cancelled classes in public schools for at least two weeks, provided for closure and remote conduct of business at Department of Motor Vehicle branches, extended deadlines for municipal budget preparations, and suspended or modified laws and regulations governing health care data and visitation at certain health care and congregate care settings; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7D, dated March 16, 2020, restricted social and recreational gatherings of all types to fewer than 50 people, closed bars and restaurants to all service except food and non-alcoholic beverage takeout and delivery, closed gyms, fitness centers and movie theaters, and prohibited on-site operations at off-track betting facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7E, dated March 17, 2020, among other things, waived the requirement for an 180-day school year, suspended fingerprinting availability to that for critical requirements, extended the duration of various licenses and permits under the authority of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and public protection, and suspended certain requirements for recoupment of overpayment and hearings conducted by the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7F, dated March 18, 2020, ordered the closure of Large Shopping Malls, the closure of places of public amusement except public parks and open recreation areas, expanded Medicaid telehealth coverage, waived in-person service, hearing, and screening requirements for certain Probate Court proceedings in vulnerable group care settings, and clarified my order cancelling school classes; 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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow transmission of the virus, including cancellation of gatherings of fifty people or more and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers providing services to patients and those with Medical coverage, need flexibility in testing, diagnosis and treatment while supporting adequate social distancing measures, and to provide healthcare services during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic through the increased utilization of the delivery of health care or other health services through certain modes of telehealth service; and

WHEREAS, subsection (a)(11) of Section 19a-906 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides, in part, that “telehealth” does not include, in part, the use of audio-only telephone as a mode of delivering health care or health services via information and communication technologies to facilitate the diagnosis, consultation and treatment, education, care management and self-management of a patient’s physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, subsection (a)(12) of Section 19a-906 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides, in part, that a “telehealth provider” means health care providers specifically licensed pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes governing those health care professions; and

WHEREAS, subsection (f) of Section 19a-906 provides, in part, that the provision of telehealth services and health records maintained and disclosed as part of a telehealth interaction shall comply with the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 P.L. 104-191, as amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, an in-person visit to investigate a report that an elderly person allegedly is being, or has been, abused, neglected exploited or abandoned, or is in need of protective services, is likely to increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, if COVID-10 is transmitted to an elderly person, there is a high risk of serious illness or mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services (“DSS”) can fulfill its statutory obligation to investigate such reports without making an in-person visit of the elderly person by using alternative means of communication; and

WHEREAS, DSS staff may be reduced as a result of illness or the need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, and may need additional time to disclose the results of its investigation of such reports; and

WHEREAS, attendance at public proceedings is likely to increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Chief Court Administrator on behalf of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Judicial Branch, I have determined that there exists a compelling state interest that courts conduct only essential business in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there is a compelling interest in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among voters, poll workers, and residents, which risk would be heightened in the settings of indoor polling places and potential lines for voting, especially in polling places such as senior centers, schools, community centers, and other public facilities;

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. **Postponement of Presidential Primary to June 2.** Under my sole authority pursuant to the declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergency, and to protect the health and safety of voters, poll workers, and the most vulnerable members of our population, I hereby modify Section 9-464 of the Connecticut General Statutes to provide that on June 2, 2020 each party shall conduct a primary in each town if the names of two or more candidates for President of the United States are to be placed on such party’s ballot in accordance with the provisions of chapter 154 of the General Statutes.
2. **Suspension of Non-Critical Court Operations and Associated Requirements.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Connecticut General Statutes or of any regulation, local rule or other provision of law, I hereby suspend, for the duration of this public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified or terminated by me, all statutory (1) location or venue requirements; (2) time requirements, statutes of limitation or

other limitations or deadlines relating to service of process, court proceedings or court filings; and (3) all time requirements or deadlines related to the Supreme, Appellate and Superior courts or their judicial officials to issue notices, hold court, hear matters and/or render decisions including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. All time limitations in Chapters 959, 959a, 960 and 961 of the General Statutes including, but not limited to, C.G.S. § 54-1g concerning the time of arraignments
 - b. and C.G.S. § 54-82m concerning the right to a speedy trial;
 - c. All time limitations for rendering judgments in civil actions provided in C.G.S. § 51-183b;
 - d. All time limitations concerning civil process, service and return provided in Chapter 896 of the General Statutes;
 - e. All statutes of limitations provided in Chapter 926 of the General Statutes;
 - f. All time limitations concerning the automatic review of terms of probation provided in C.G.S. § 53a-29(g);
 - g. All time constraints for the filing of administrative appeals provided in C.G.S. § 4-183;
 - h. All time limitations concerning hearings and rulings pertaining to primary and election disputes provided in Chapter 149 of the General Statutes;
 - i. All time limitations in Title 46b of the General Statutes including, but not limited to, family, juvenile and child support matters;
 - j. All venue and filing requirements including, but not limited to, C.G.S. §§ 51-345, 51-348, 51-352 and 51-353, provided in Chapter 890 of the General Statutes;
 - k. The times and places for the sitting of the Superior Court provided in C.G.S. § 51-181;
 - l. The notice of sessions provided in C.G.S. § 51-182;
3. **Further Clarification of Limits on Restaurants, Bars and Private Clubs.** Effective at 12:00 p.m. on March 20, 2020, Executive Order 7D, which, among other things, restricted sales of alcoholic beverages by certain licensees, is modified as follows: Any business with an active restaurant, café or tavern liquor permit issued by the Department of Consumer Protection shall be permitted to sell sealed containers of alcoholic liquor for pick up at such restaurant, café or tavern under the following conditions: (i) the sale shall accompany a pick-up order of food prepared on the premises; (ii) the type of alcoholic liquor sold for off-premise consumption shall be the same as what the permit type would have permitted for on-premise consumption prior to Executive Order 7D, and (iii) the hours of such sales that include alcoholic liquor as part of the take-out order shall be the same as those for a package store.

Delivery of alcoholic liquor by licensees with these permit types is not permitted. In addition:

- a. Any business whose liquor permit allows for the manufacture of alcoholic liquor, in addition to sales for on-premise and off-premise consumption, shall be permitted to sell sealed bottles of alcoholic liquor for off-premise consumption in a manner consistent with their manufacturer permit. Delivery of alcoholic liquor by these permit types is not permitted.
- b. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may issue any implementing orders and guidance that she deems necessary to implement this order.

4. **Restriction on Operation of Barbershops, Hair Salons, Tattoo or Piercing Parlors and Related Public Businesses.** Throughout the State, effective at 8:00 p.m. on March 20, 2020, the rendering of services by barbers, hairdressers and cosmeticians, nail technicians, electrologists, estheticians, eyelash technicians, and tattoo and piercing providers is prohibited in all public settings including, but not limited to, barbershops, beauty shops, hairdressing salons, nail salons, spas, kiosks, and tattoo or piercing establishments. The Commissioner of Public Health may issue any order she deems necessary to implement or modify such prohibition without further order from me.

5. **Flexibility for Medicaid Enrolled Providers and In-Network Providers for Commercial Fully Insured Health Insurance to Perform Telehealth Through Additional Methods.** The provisions of Section 19a-906 of the Connecticut General Statutes and any associated regulations, rules and policies regarding the delivery of telehealth are modified or suspended as follows:

- a. Subsection (a)(11)'s definition of "telehealth" is modified such that for telehealth providers that are Medicaid enrolled providers providing covered telehealth services to established patients who are Medicaid recipients, or telehealth providers that are in-network providers for commercial fully insured health insurance providing covered telehealth services to patients with whom there is an existing provider-patient relationship, these providers may engage in telehealth through the use of audio-only telephone;
- b. Subsection (a)(12)'s requirements for the licensure, certification or registration of telehealth providers shall be suspended for such telehealth providers that are Medicaid enrolled providers or in-network providers for commercial fully insured health insurance providing telehealth services to patients, in accordance with any related orders issued by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to her established authority as a result of this declared public health and civil preparedness

emergency and in accordance with Sections 19a-131a, 19a-131j and 28-9.

- c. Subsection (f)'s requirements that the provision of telehealth services and health records maintained and disclosed as part of a telehealth interaction shall comply with the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 P.L. 104-191, as amended from time to time (HIPAA), is modified to permit telehealth providers that are Medicaid enrolled providers or in-network providers for commercial fully insured health insurance providing telehealth services to patients to utilize additional information and communication technologies consistent and in accordance with any direction, modification or revision of requirements for HIPAA compliance as related to telehealth remote communications as directed by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - d. Notwithstanding paragraphs a through c herein, a provider who elects to provide telehealth services for a patient who is not a Medicaid beneficiary or covered by a fully-insured commercial plan, may engage in "telehealth" services as defined in such paragraphs for such patient, provided that any provider engaging in telehealth services under this section must, prior to engaging in such services, determine whether a patient is covered by a health plan other than Medicaid or a fully-insured commercial plan, and whether such plan provides coverage for such telehealth services. A provider who receives payment under such health plan shall not bill a patient for any additional charges beyond the reimbursement received under such health plan. A provider who determines that payment is not available under another such health plan or who determines a patient is uninsured, shall accept as reimbursement for that service as payment in full, the amount that Medicare reimburses for such service, provided that if the provider determines that the patient is uninsured or otherwise unable to pay for such services, the provider shall offer financial assistance, if such provider is otherwise required to provide financial assistance under state or federal law.
 - e. Any related regulatory requirement that such telehealth services be provided from a provider's licensed facility is hereby waived.
6. **Temporary Suspension of In-Person Investigative Visits Regarding Reports of Elder Abuse.** Section 17b-452 is modified to provide the Commissioner of Social Services with authority to waive the required in-person visit to an elderly person in connection with investigation of a report of suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment, or a need for protective

services, and, if possible and appropriate, use alternative means to conduct such in-person visit.

- 7. Extension of Time for Disclosure of Investigation Results.** Section 17b-452 of the Connecticut General Statutes is modified to provide the Commissioner of Social Services with authority to extend by up to ninety (90) days the requirement that the Commissioner of Social Services, not later than forty-five (45) days after completing an investigation, disclose, in general terms, the result of the investigation to the person or persons who reported the suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment or a need for protective services.

Unless otherwise specified herein, this order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified by me.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 19th day of March, 2020.



Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7H

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND RESPONSE – RESTRICTIONS ON WORKPLACES FOR NON-ESSENTIAL
BUSINESSES, COORDINATED RESPONSE EFFORT**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7, dated March 12, 2020, among other things, prohibited gatherings of 250 people or more for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, and sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities, and suspended various statutes and regulations to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7A, dated March 13, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to restrict entrance into nursing homes and similar facilities to protect people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7B, dated March 14, 2020, among other things, modified in-person open meetings requirements, waived certain rules to mitigate the critical shortage of hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment (PPE), maintain and increase the availability of childcare, and provide for increased healthcare resources and facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7C, dated March 15, 2020, among other things, cancelled classes in public schools for at least two weeks, provided for closure and remote conduct of business at Department of Motor Vehicle branches, extended deadlines for municipal budget preparations, and suspended or modified laws and regulations governing health care data and visitation at certain health care and congregate care settings; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7D, dated March 16, 2020, restricted social and recreational gatherings of all types to fewer than 50 people, closed bars and restaurants to all service except food and non-alcoholic beverage takeout and delivery, closed gyms, fitness centers and movie theaters, and prohibited on-site operations at off-track betting facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7E, dated March 17, 2020, among other things, waived the requirement for an 180-day school year, suspended fingerprinting availability to that for critical requirements, extended the duration of various licenses and permits under the authority of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and public protection, and suspended certain requirements for recoupment of overpayment and hearings conducted by the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7F, dated March 18, 2020, ordered the closure of Large Shopping Malls, the closure of places of public amusement except public parks and open recreation areas, expanded Medicaid telehealth coverage, waived in-person service, hearing, and screening requirements for certain Probate Court proceedings in vulnerable group care settings, and clarified my order cancelling school classes; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7G, dated March 19, 2020, ordered the postponement of the presidential primary, suspended non-critical court operations, expanded the availability of telehealth services, and enacted additional public health measures;

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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow transmission of the virus, including cancellation of gatherings of people and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most timely and effective response to the COVID-19 emergency disaster, it is critical for the State of Connecticut to act quickly to gather, coordinate, and deploy goods, services, professionals, and volunteers of all kinds;

WHEREAS, in a short period of time, COVID-19 has rapidly spread throughout Connecticut, necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state, and local officials; and

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. **Restrictions on Workplaces for Non-Essential Businesses.** Effective on March 23, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. and through April 22, 2020, unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated by me, all businesses and not-for-profit entities in the state shall employ, to the maximum extent possible, any telecommuting or work from home procedures that they can safely employ. Non-essential businesses or not-for-profit entities shall reduce their in-person

workforces at any workplace locations by 100% not later than March 23, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. Any essential business or entity providing essential goods, services or functions shall not be subject to these in-person restrictions.

Not later than 8 p.m. on March 22, 2020, the Department of Economic and Community Development (“DECD”) shall issue lawfully binding guidance about which businesses are essential. Those business shall include, but not be limited to, the 16 critical infrastructure sectors as defined by the Department of Homeland Security and available at <https://www.cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors>, essential health care operations including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, elder care and home health care workers, companies and institutions involved in the research and development, manufacture, distribution, warehousing, and supplying of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology therapies, health care data, consumer health products, medical devices, diagnostics, equipment, services and any other healthcare related supplies or services; essential infrastructure, including utilities, wastewater and drinking water, telecommunications, airports and transportation infrastructure; manufacturing, including food processing, pharmaceuticals, and industries supporting the essential services required to meet national security commitments to the federal government and U.S. Military; the defense industrial base, including aerospace, mechanical and software engineers, manufacturing/production workers, aircraft and weapon system mechanics and maintainers; essential retail, including grocery stores and big-box stores or wholesale clubs, provided they also sell groceries; pharmacies, gas stations and convenience stores; food and beverage retailers (including liquor/package stores and manufacturer permittees) and restaurants, provided they comply with previous and future executive orders issued during the existing declared public health and civil preparedness emergency; essential services including trash and recycling collection, hauling, and processing, mail and shipping services; news media; legal and accounting services; banks, insurance companies, check cashing services, and other financial institutions; providers of basic necessities to economically disadvantaged populations; construction; vendors of essential services and goods necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residences or other essential businesses, including pest control and landscaping services; vendors that provide essential services or products, including logistics and technology support, child care and services needed to ensure the continuing operation of government agencies and the provision of goods, services or functions necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Any other business may be deemed essential after requesting an opinion from DECD, which shall review and grant such request, should it determine that it is in the best interest of the state to have the workforce continue at full capacity to properly respond to this emergency.

2. **Coordinated Response Effort.** Effective immediately and for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, notwithstanding Section 28-8a of the Connecticut General Statutes, in order to ensure the coordinated, clear and expeditious execution of civil preparedness functions for the protection of the public health, and pursuant to my emergency powers, including but not limited to Section 28-9(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, no municipal chief executive officer or designee may enact or enforce any order that conflicts with any provision of any of my Executive Orders or an order issued by an executive agency pursuant to the existing public health and civil preparedness emergency, or issue any shelter-in-place order or order prohibiting travel, unless they first seek and receive written permission from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The provisions of this order shall not be deemed to invalidate any order previously issued by a municipal chief executive or designee or preclude a municipality from enforcing any existing local rule or ordinance that does not conflict with any executive order issued pursuant to my March 10, 2020 declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergency.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 20th day of March, 2020.



Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7I

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND RESPONSE – MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS AND AVAILABILITY OF
ASSISTANCE AND HEALTHCARE**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7, dated March 12, 2020, among other things, prohibited gatherings of 250 people or more for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, and sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities, and suspended various statutes and regulations to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7A, dated March 13, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to restrict entrance into nursing homes and similar facilities to protect people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7B, dated March 14, 2020, among other things, modified in-person open meetings requirements, waived certain rules to mitigate the critical shortage of hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment (PPE), maintain and increase the availability of childcare, and provide for increased healthcare resources and facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7C, dated March 15, 2020, among other things, cancelled classes in public schools for at least two weeks, provided for closure and remote conduct of business at Department of Motor Vehicle branches, extended deadlines for municipal budget preparations, and suspended or modified laws and regulations governing health care data and visitation at certain health care and congregate care settings; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7D, dated March 16, 2020, restricted social and recreational gatherings of all types to fewer than 50 people, closed bars and restaurants to all service except food and non-alcoholic beverage takeout and delivery, closed gyms, fitness centers and movie theaters, and prohibited on-site operations at off-track betting facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7E, dated March 17, 2020, among other things, waived the requirement for an 180-day school year, suspended fingerprinting availability to that for critical requirements, extended the duration of various licenses and permits under the authority of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and public protection, and suspended certain requirements for recoupment of overpayment and hearings conducted by the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7F, dated March 18, 2020, ordered the closure of Large Shopping Malls, the closure of places of public amusement except public parks and open recreation areas, expanded Medicaid telehealth coverage, waived in-person service, hearing, and screening requirements for certain Probate Court proceedings in vulnerable group care settings, and clarified my order cancelling school classes; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7G, dated March 19, 2020, ordered the postponement of the presidential primary, suspended non-critical court operations, expanded the availability of telehealth services, and enacted additional public health measures; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7H, dated March 20, 2020, limited the workplace operations of non-essential businesses, and on-profit, created a process to designate those that are essential, and provided for consistency across the state in governmental response to the COVID-19 pandemic; 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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow transmission of the virus, including cancellation of gatherings of fifty people or more and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, if COVID-10 is transmitted to an elderly person, there is a high risk of serious illness or mortality; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the pandemic or other emergency does not interfere with the continuity of essential safety net programs, and because the Department of Social Services must be able to ensure ongoing delivery of basic assistance; and

WHEREAS, the state wishes to ensure that children, seniors, persons with disabilities and other low-income individuals can access their prescription medications covered by Medicaid and Medicare and are able to do so without interruption or delay; and

WHEREAS, the HUSKY B program is Connecticut's Children's Health Insurance Program that provides health care coverage to approximately 20,000 low- and moderate-income children and the state wishes to ensure that the pandemic does not interfere with these children's access to medical care, including physician visits and medications; and

WHEREAS, Sections 10-234aa through 10-234dd of the Connecticut General Statutes impose certain requirements that vendors providing certain data and technology services agree in writing to privacy protections for student data; and

WHEREAS, the cancellation of classes has created an urgent need to continue opportunities for students throughout the state, including through the use of technology, but the urgency of such need precludes the ability to draft, review, and approve certain written contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education has alternative means to assure that student data is afforded privacy protections, including federal student privacy laws, without the use of a written contract; and

WHEREAS, Sections 17a-10a and 17a-16 of the Connecticut General Statutes require the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families to provide visitation with children in facilities that treat children or youth with psychiatric disabilities and with children in such facilities to protect the health and safety of the children and staff; and

WHEREAS, Sections 17a-76 and 17a-77 of the Connecticut General Statutes require the filing of an application for commitment of a mentally ill child with the Probate Court and a hearing on the application to be held within ten days of the application being filed; and

WHEREAS, Section 20-616 (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes permits a pharmacist to exercise his or her professional judgment in refilling a prescription that is not for a controlled drug, for an up to seventy-two hour supply, without the authorization of the prescribing practitioner, provided (1) the pharmacist is unable to contact such practitioner after reasonable effort, (2) failure to refill the prescription might result in an interruption of a therapeutic regimen or create patient suffering, and (3) the pharmacist informs the patient or representative of the patient at the time of dispensing that the refill is being provided without such authorization and informs the practitioner at the earliest reasonable time that authorization of the practitioner is required for future refills; and

WHEREAS, prescribing practitioners may have limited availability due to COVID-19 to provide a written, oral or electronically transmitted order for the refill of a non-controlled substance within seventy-two hours following a refill issued by pharmacist pursuant to 20-616(b); and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Business Corporation Act, Sections 33-600 through 33-998, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes (the "Act"), requires corporations incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut to hold annual shareholders' meetings at a "place" stated in or fixed in accordance with the bylaws of such corporation or at the corporation's principal office, and precludes the ability to hold such meetings solely by means of remote participation without a place; and

WHEREAS, for the protection of the public health, Connecticut corporations should be granted the option to hold shareholders' meetings solely by remote participation, without requiring any representatives of the corporation or any shareholders to gather in a place; and

WHEREAS, many other states, including the State of Delaware, permit annual shareholders' meetings to be held solely by remote participation without a place; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Connecticut and the shareholders of Connecticut corporations to have the option to participate in the annual meeting of shareholders solely by remote participation without a place; and

WHEREAS, Sections 10-261a(c), 10-261b, 12-19a, 12-20b, 12-63c, 12-110, 12-111, 12-117, and 12-120, of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 12-2b-11 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies require municipalities to complete specific duties, including but not limited to Net Grand Lists, Assessor Reports, Board of Assessment Appeals applications and decisions, Grand Lists of Taxable and Tax-Exempt Property, Sales Data Reports, and State Owned, College and Hospital Claim Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) reimbursement claims that require in-person meetings, application filings, and the filing of reports based on completion of these duties, as well as auditing and review by OPM thereafter, which are likely to be delayed due to closures and staffing shortages arising from the public health and civil preparedness emergency declared to respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Sections 12-110, 12-111, 12-117 and 12-170aa of the Connecticut General Statutes require the in-person filing of applications that create increased risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Section 85 of Public Act 20-1 imposes new reporting requirements, including specific property data for tax exemptions under Subsections 60, 70, 72 and 76 of Section 12-81 by May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Sections 14, 97a, 98, 103, 124, 126, 246, 368k, 440, 444, 446i of the Connecticut General Statutes require persons to participate in the process of various municipal decisions that require in-person, face-to-face interactions, meetings, filings, or service of process between various persons, and such activities are likely to be delayed or compromised due to closures and related staffing or quorum shortages arising from the public health and civil preparedness emergency declared to respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the in-person contact required for the aforementioned activities create an increased risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to continue municipal functions and decision-making, including budgetary and land use decisions, to the extent feasible without in-person, face-to-face interactions; and

WHEREAS, upon a proclamation that a civil preparedness emergency exists, section 28-9(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes authorizes the modification or suspension in whole or in part by

executive order of any statute or regulation or requirement or part thereof that conflicts with the efficient and expeditious execution of civil preparedness functions or the protection of public health;

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. **Suspension of requirements that public assistance eligibility reinvestigations be conducted at least every 12 or 24 months.** Section 17b-104 and any implementing regulations, rules, or policies are modified to provide the Commissioner of Social Services, to the extent permitted by federal law, the discretionary authority to suspend or extend the time frames for establishing eligibility reinvestigations for public assistance programs, and issue any required implementing orders she deems necessary.
2. **Suspension of copayments for full benefit dually eligible Medicare Part D beneficiaries.** Section 17b-265d(c) is modified to eliminate the requirement that full benefit dually eligible beneficiaries are responsible for copayments of up to \$17.00 per month (aggregate for all prescriptions) for their medications covered by Medicare Part D, and authorize the Department of Social Services to cover the copayment amounts in full, after any other insurer has paid, during the public health emergency. The Commissioner of Social Services may issue any implementing order or modification to the requirements of Section 17b-265d(c) that she deems necessary consistent with this order.
3. **Suspension of copayments for HUSKY B clients.** Section 17b-295(a) is suspended to eliminate HUSKY B copayments and authorize the Department of Social Services to reimburse providers for the full reimbursement amount for services subject to the copayment, including the copayment amount. This suspension applies to copayments only and does not apply to other forms of HUSKY B cost sharing; HUSKY B families will continue to be responsible for monthly premiums and co-insurance and allowances for dental services. The Commissioner of Social Services may issue any implementing order or modification to the requirements of Section 17b-295(a) that she deems necessary consistent with this order.
4. **Suspension of limitations on refills of non-maintenance medications for HUSKY beneficiaries.** Section 17-134d of the Connecticut General Statutes and any implementing regulations, rules or policies are modified to authorize the Commissioner of Social Services to reimburse providers for supplies of both maintenance and non-maintenance medications for a period of up to ninety (90) days, regardless of the quantity of the supply, and to issue any necessary implementing order. This modification does not apply to controlled substances.

5. **Flexibility related to the Student Data Privacy Act.** For the duration of the period of school closure or class cancellation pursuant to any Executive Order or order of the Commissioner of Education, unless modified, extended, or terminated by me, or, if applicable, the Commissioner, the provisions of Sections 10-234aa through 10-234dd, inclusive, and any associated regulations, rules, and policies regarding contracts between boards of education and contractors regarding contracting, sharing, or providing access to student information, are modified to authorize the Commissioner of Education to temporarily waive any requirements contained therein as he deems necessary 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.

6. **Limits on Visitation with Children Placed in the Care and Custody of the Department of Children and Families.** Notwithstanding Section 17a-10a of the Connecticut General Statutes or any other statute, regulation, local rule or ordinance or provision of law, the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families is authorized to issue any and all orders restricting visitation with children placed in the care and custody of the commissioner pursuant to an order of temporary custody or an order of commitment, that the Commissioner deems necessary to protect the health and welfare of such children and staff.

7. **Limits on Visitors to Facilities That Treat Children or Youth with Psychiatric Disabilities.** Notwithstanding Section 17a-16 of the Connecticut General Statutes or any other statute, regulation, local rule or ordinance or provision of law, the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families and the head of a facility or institution under the Commissioner's jurisdiction are authorized to issue any and all orders restricting entrance into facilities, as defined in Section 17a-32 of the Connecticut General Statutes, including the Albert J. Solnit Children's Center - South Campus, and the Albert J. Solnit Children's Center - North Campus, that the Commissioner deems necessary to protect the health and welfare of patients, residents and staff.

8. **Waiver of In-person Service, Screening and Hearing Requirements for Facilities that Have Limited Visitor Access to Protect Public Health.** Notwithstanding sections 17a-76 and 17a-77 of the Connecticut General Statutes, (1) any requirement for personal service is waived as it relates to any child or youth currently located in a facility operated by the Department of Children and Families that has restricted visitor access under an emergency order issued by a state agency pursuant to an Executive Order, and service may be made by serving an administrator or the administrator's designee provided that the administrator or administrator's designee shall sign a certification, provided by the process server, that the named child or youth is currently

located in the facility and that the administrator or administrator's designee will personally serve the named party; and (2) any requirement for an in-person meeting, hearing, or screening is waived and meetings, hearings, or screenings may take place by any other method that allows for the participation of the interested parties. For the purposes of this order, "administrator" shall mean the facility director or such other person with administrative oversight of the facility who is on site at the time of service.

9. **Pharmacist Discretion in Refilling Certain Prescriptions for Longer Periods.** Section 20-616(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes are modified to permit a pharmacist to exercise his or her professional judgment in refilling a prescription that is not for a controlled drug, as defined in section 21a-240, for a quantity of drug not to exceed a thirty-day supply based on the same criteria set forth in such section for a refill that was not to exceed a seventy-two hour supply.
10. **Commissioner Authority to Modify Pharmacy Operation Regulations.** Section 20-576-59 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is modified to permit the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection, rather than the Commission of Pharmacy, to grant a waiver or modification of any regulation pertaining to the operation of a pharmacy utilizing the same criteria that would otherwise be considered by the Commission of Pharmacy.
11. **Suspension of In-Person Shareholder Meeting Requirements.** Section 33-703 of the Connecticut General Statutes is modified to provide a new clause (c), to read in its entirety as follows: “ (c) The board of directors may determine that any meeting of shareholders shall not be held at any place and shall instead be held solely by means of remote communication, but only if the corporation implements the measures specified in subsection (b) of this Section 33-703. The board of directors shall make the list of shareholders entitled to vote available for inspection by any shareholder beginning two business days after notice of the meeting is given for which the list was prepared and continuing through the meeting on a reasonably accessible electronic network, provided that the information required to access such list is provided with the notice of the meeting. The corporation may take reasonable steps to ensure that such information is available only to shareholders of the corporation. Any statute, regulation or requirement, or part thereof, or any bylaw of the corporation, inconsistent with this clause (c) shall be inoperative for the effective period of this Section 33-703(c), and any such meeting shall be deemed validly held if notice of the meeting is given during the effective period of this Section 33-703(c).”

12. Extension of Budget Adoption Deadlines - Additional Municipal Bodies.

For purposes of the provisions set forth under Executive Order 7C, paragraph 5, regarding “Extension of Municipal Budget Adoption Deadlines,” as well as for the provisions set forth in this order, the term “municipal” or “municipality” shall include all municipalities and quasi-municipal corporations, whether created by statute, ordinance, charter, legislative or special act, including but not limited to any town, city or borough, whether consolidated or unconsolidated, any village, school, sewer, fire, lighting, special services or special taxing districts, beach or improvement association, any regional water or resource recovery authority or any other political subdivision of the state or of any municipality having the power to make appropriations or to levy assessments or taxes.

13. Suspension of In-Person Budget Adoption Requirements for Municipalities.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Connecticut General Statutes, including Title 7, or any special act, municipal charter or ordinance that conflicts with this order, the legislative body of a municipality or, in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, the board of selectmen, shall authorize the budget-making authority within said municipality to adopt a budget for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 fiscal year and to set a mill rate sufficient, in addition to the other estimated yearly income of such town and in addition to such revenue surplus, if any, as may be appropriated, not only to pay the expenses of the municipality for said fiscal year, but also to absorb the revenue deficit of such town, if any, at the beginning of said fiscal year without holding votes required by charter or without complying with any in-person budget adoption requirements, including but not limited to, annual town meetings requiring votes, referendum, and special town meetings. In so acting, the budget-making authority of the municipality shall comply with public meeting requirements consistent with requirements set forth in Executive Order 7B and shall thereby take all reasonable steps to publicize the draft municipal budget for said fiscal year and to receive public comment thereon, including but not limited to publishing draft budgets on the website and providing an email address or other means for the public to submit timely comments on the proposed budget.

14. Suspension of In-Person Budget Adoption Requirements for Regional Boards of Education.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Connecticut General Statutes, including Title 10, or any special act, regional plan, municipal charter or ordinance that conflicts with this order, any regional board of education shall adopt a budget for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 fiscal year which otherwise complies with the requirements of Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes without complying with any in-person budget adoption requirements, including but not limited, annual district budget

meetings requiring votes, referendum, and special district meetings. In so acting, the regional board of education shall comply with public meeting requirements consistent with requirements set forth in Executive Order 7B and take all reasonable steps to publicize the proposed budget for said fiscal year and to receive public comment thereon, including but not limited to publishing draft budgets on the website and providing an email address or other means for the public to submit timely comments on the proposed budget.

15. **Extension of Municipal Deadlines and Waiver of Penalties Related to Municipal Planning, Assessment and Taxation.** The deadlines set forth under Sections 10-261a(c), 12-63c, 12-110, 12-111, 12-117, and 12-120, of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 12-2b-11 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, for Net Grand Lists, Assessor Reports, Board of Assessment Appeals applications and decisions, Grand List of Taxable and Tax-Exempt Property, Sales Data Reports, and State Owned, College and Hospital Claim Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) reimbursement claims are extended without penalty. Additionally, the penalty provisions set forth under Sections 10-261b, 12-19a, and 12-20b of the Connecticut General Statutes are suspended.
16. **Suspension of In-Person Filing Requirements Related to Municipal Planning, Assessment and Taxation.** The requirement under Sections 12-110, 12-111, 12-117 and 12-170aa of the Connecticut General Statutes for a taxpayer to appear in person are suspended to the extent necessary to permit any public agency to meet and take such actions authorized by law without permitting or requiring in-person participation in such meetings or filings, and to hold such meetings or obtain necessary information remotely by conference call, videoconference, electronic communication, or other technology, consistent with requirements set forth in Executive Order 7B.
17. **Suspension of Deadlines and Modification of Public Hearing and Appeals Requirements for Assessment and Taxation.** The appeals deadlines set forth under Section 12-19b and 12-20b for the valuation, revaluation, and appeals related to land and buildings for grants and property of private colleges and general hospitals for purposes of state grants in lieu of taxes are suspended.
18. **Extension of New Reporting Requirements on Property.** The reporting requirements set forth under Section 85 of Public Act 20-1 requiring additional specific property data for tax exemptions under Subsections 60, 70, 72 and 76 of Section 12-81 are suspended.
19. **Suspension, Modification and Clarification of Certain Municipal Procedural Requirements and Time Limitations Regarding Notice,**

Commencement and Holding of Public Hearings, Decisions, and Appeals.

In connection with Executive Order 7B (1), dated March 14, 2020, and in order to further prevent the potential health threat and spread of COVID-19 to any person who might otherwise participate in the process of submitting, reviewing, hearing, discussing, deciding, or appealing any municipal decision or action regarding any petition, application or other proposal, or in the adoption or amendment of any municipal plan, regulations or ordinances, under specific Sections of Connecticut General Statutes Chapters 14, 97a, 98, 103, 124, 126, 246, 368k, 440, 444, 446i, and the repealed Section 14-55, if and to the extent such repealed section is revived by current judicial action, and any related special act(s), and municipal charter, ordinance, resolution, or regulation (all such state and municipal laws and regulations being, collectively, the “Covered Laws”); any provision of such Covered Laws that establish procedural requirements for municipal decisions and that conflict with this order, is suspended and modified, as enumerated below, and as hereafter provided:

- a. Any time deadlines contained in the Covered Laws that may pass or expire during the public health and civil preparedness emergency declared by me on March 10, 2020 (“state of emergency”) are extended by an additional 90 days for any and all of the following circumstances: the commencement or completion of any public hearing; the rendering of any decision required to be made within a particular period; and the submission or reporting by any municipality to any agency or quasi-public agency of the State; provided, however, that such preceding 90-day extension shall not apply to any time extensions that are already expressly allowed by the Covered Laws, meaning that, for example, a decision for which the statute already allows up to a total of 65 days of extension (such as site plan decisions) may be further extended by no more than an additional 90 days, for a total of 155 extension days (in this example); and further provided that each individual petition, application, or other proposal, or adoption or amendment of any municipal plan, regulations, or ordinance shall only obtain one 90-day extension period in total, which may be allocated, in part, by an applicant or municipality or agency, for each deadline period, and not multiple 90-day extensions for each time deadline related thereto.
- b. If the 90-day demolition delay required by Section 7-147j would commence or expire during the state of emergency, such period of delay shall be extended for 90 days.

- c. Any Covered Law requiring a municipality or agency to publish any notice or notices in a newspaper of general or substantial circulation is suspended and modified to allow a single notice to be published electronically on a municipality's or agency's website, provided the earlier deadline required for posting notice by the Covered Law is maintained for the electronic posting, and such posting shall remain visible on the municipality's or agency's website until completion of the action, meeting, or proceeding for which such notice is provided, and for any notice of decision, for the duration of the applicable appeal period provided by the Covered Laws.
- d. Any Covered Law requiring any notice to be filed in the office of any municipal clerk, including any town, city, borough, or district clerk, is suspended and modified to allow said notice to be posted electronically on a municipality's website, provided the deadline required for posting remains unchanged, and such posting shall remain visible on the municipality's or agency's web site until the completion of the action, meeting, or proceeding for which such notice is provided, and for any notice of decision, for the duration of the applicable appeal period provided by the Covered Laws.
- e. Any Covered Law requiring a physical sign to be posted in relation to any zoning, inland wetlands, planning, or historic district petition, application or proposal, may be satisfied by the electronic posting on a municipality's website described in paragraph (c) above.
- f. Any Covered Law requiring direct or personal notice by mail from a municipality, agency or applicant to any other person, agency, municipal clerk (including any town, city, borough, or district clerk), municipality, utility company or water company regarding the filing or pendency of any petition, application, or other proposal is suspended and modified to allow said notice requirement to be satisfied by electronic mail notification, if electronic mailing addresses are known or reasonably available for the party to be noticed, provided the same deadline for publication of the electronic notice is met; provided that if electronic mailing addresses are not known or reasonably available, said notice requirement is satisfied by: (i) the posting of a physical, weatherproof sign of at least two feet by three feet in area, in a prominent location on the parcel of land which is

the subject of any petition, application, or proposal, specifying the existence of such petition, application, or proposal, and information regarding the date, time, and location of any hearings (including remote access details) related thereto, provided that such sign shall be posted for the duration of the period for which notice is otherwise required by the Covered Laws; or (ii) the mailing of letters (via regular U.S. mail) to addressees provided by a municipality or agency, or agent thereof, where the noticing party has relied in good faith on the accuracy and completion of said list of addressees.

- g. Any Covered Law prescribing the procedure for any petition, including petition of a decision, to an agency or legislative body, is suspended and modified to allow such petition to be signed electronically (including by pdf or other imaging technology or compilation of emails or other electronic communication) and to allow applicable notice requirements to be fully satisfied by electronic mail notice of such petition on the designated entity. The time period to commence and submit said petition shall remain unchanged.
- h. Any Covered Law prescribing the procedure for commencement of an appeal of a decision to the Superior Court and associated service of process is suspended and modified to permit any such appeal to be commenced by a proper officer by electronic mail notice on the designated municipal clerk (including any town, city, borough, or district clerk). The time period to commence said appeal shall remain unchanged. Municipalities shall clearly post the email address to be used for the electronic service on their website. Notwithstanding C.G.S. Section 6-32, the damages clauses which may result from a state marshal's failure to duly comply with any service requirements of section 6-32(a), to the extent such requirements conflict with this Section 19 of this order, are suspended.
- i. Any Covered Law prescribing the procedure for commencement of an appeal of a decision by a zoning enforcement officer or an agent for an inland wetland agency is suspended and modified to permit any such appeal to be commenced by regular mail or by electronic mail notice to the zoning commission, zoning enforcement officer, zoning board of appeals or inland wetlands agency, as appropriate. The time period to commence said appeal shall remain unchanged.

- j. The suspensions and modifications specified in this, Section 19 of this order, are hereby permitted, provided, however, that: (1) the municipality, within a reasonable time after the reopening of the relevant office, include printed or electronic confirmations of all modifications, extensions, notices, and decisions in the permanent office records, (2) any document required by the Covered Laws to be recorded or filed in the town, borough, district or city clerk records be recorded or filed, as applicable, within a reasonable time thereafter; and (3) any municipality may, by declaration of head of an agency accepting or administering applications, waive any rules, regulations, or policies related to any requirement that applications to such municipal agency be submitted in paper copy or in duplicate.

Unless otherwise specified herein, this order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified or terminated by me.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 21st day of March, 2020.



Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7J

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND RESPONSE – CLARIFYING EO NO. 7H REGARDING OPERATIONS AT NON-
ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND PROVIDING FOR RAPID STATE GOVERNMENT
EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7, dated March 12, 2020, among other things, prohibited gatherings of 250 people or more for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, and sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; movie screenings; plays or performances; conventions; and similar activities, and suspended various statutes and regulations to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7A, dated March 13, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to restrict entrance into nursing homes and similar facilities to protect people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7B, dated March 14, 2020, among other things, modified in-person open meetings requirements, waived certain rules to mitigate the critical shortage of hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment (PPE), maintain and increase the availability of childcare, and provide for increased healthcare resources and facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7C, dated March 15, 2020, among other things, cancelled classes in public schools for at least two weeks, provided for closure and remote conduct of business at Department of Motor Vehicle branches, extended deadlines for municipal budget preparations, and suspended or modified laws and regulations governing health care data and visitation at certain health care and congregate care settings; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7D, dated March 16, 2020, restricted social and recreational gatherings of all types to fewer than 50 people, closed bars and restaurants to all service except food and non-alcoholic beverage takeout and delivery, closed gyms, fitness centers and movie theaters, and prohibited on-site operations at off-track betting facilities; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7E, dated March 17, 2020, among other things, waived the requirement for an 180-day school year, suspended fingerprinting availability to that for critical requirements, extended the duration of various licenses and permits under the authority of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and public protection, and suspended certain requirements for recoupment of overpayment and hearings conducted by the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7F, dated March 18, 2020, ordered the closure of Large Shopping Malls, the closure of places of public amusement except public parks and open recreation areas, expanded Medicaid telehealth coverage, waived in-person service, hearing, and screening requirements for certain Probate Court proceedings in vulnerable group care settings, and clarified my order cancelling school classes; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7G, dated March 19, 2020, ordered the postponement of the presidential primary, suspended non-critical court operations, expanded the availability of telehealth services, and enacted additional public health measures; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7H, dated March 20, 2020, limited the workplace operations of non-essential businesses, and on-profit, created a process to designate those that are essential, and provided for consistency across the state in governmental response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 7I, dated March 21, 2020, among other things, granted various forms of financial relief to recipients of public health and economic assistance, enacted measures to protect the health of children in the care of the Department of Children and Families, and enacted a series of measures to allow municipalities and their administrative bodies to conduct essential business while reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission; 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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow transmission of the virus, including cancellation of gatherings of fifty people or more and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, if COVID-10 is transmitted to an elderly person, there is a high risk of serious illness or mortality; and

WHEREAS, the availability of methadone for ongoing medication assisted treatment is critical for the treatment of patients by Methadone Maintenance Clinics;

WHEREAS the delivery of methadone take-home doses will allow for patients that are unable to travel to the facility an opportunity to receive their medication in their home and decrease the risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that fire service personnel in the midst of certification testing are able to meet contractual, bylaw, and probationary requirements as mandated by their employers, and are able to perform their vital public safety role throughout this state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rell's Executive Order No. 27, adopted and extended by Governor Malloy's Executive Order No. 3, restricts the rehiring of Temporary Worker Retirees (TWRs) to two calendar years; and

WHEREAS, Public Acts 3-01 and 03-2 prohibit the rehiring of any state employee who participated in the Early Retirement Incentive Program offered in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created staffing disruptions in state agencies and has also increased the need for services provided by state agencies, resulting in critical skills shortages in certain areas, including those related to healthcare and public safety; and

WHEREAS, people who have retired from state service already possess the requisite knowledge, experience and/or licenses and are willing to return to work on a temporary basis can help agencies mitigate the such staffing shortages; and

WHEREAS, during the current public health crisis, accommodations for safe and effective operations of state agencies and state employees and the clients of these agencies are rapidly changing and evolving; and

WHEREAS, during the current public health crisis, additional accommodations and facilities beyond what is currently available in Connecticut may be necessary to address the effects of COVID-19, including but not limited to housing, health care, and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the health and safety of the general public that the State of Connecticut is able to adapt to the current crisis on an emergency basis, and provide essential human services for the duration of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to the protection of the public health and safety that the Department of Administrative Services and the agencies for which it provides real estate services be able to respond to these emergency circumstances as expeditiously as possible; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectively respond to and alleviate the effects of the emergency, certain statutorily mandated procedures for the leasing, assignment and use of real estate for state agencies, employees and the general public should be condensed and streamlined, to enable the State to enter into leases relating to emergency needs created by the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, effective utilization of leased real estate may require the State to make certain minor capital improvements, or acquire furniture, fixtures and equipment; and

WHEREAS, non-essential retailers provide useful and necessary products and employ tens of thousands of people throughout the state, and with proper precautions, may be able to conduct limited operations without increasing the risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to the safety and recovery of non-essential businesses and nonprofit organizations that their buildings and grounds remain secure and in good working order and continue to receive and process mail and packages; and

WHEREAS, upon a proclamation that a civil preparedness emergency exists, section 28-9(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes authorizes the modification or suspension in whole or in part by executive order of any statute or regulation or requirement or part thereof that conflicts with the efficient and expeditious execution of civil preparedness functions or the protection of public health;

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. **Clarification of Executive Order No. 7H Regarding Non-Essential Business Operations.** Executive Order No. 7H, dated March 20, 2020 is hereby amended to permit 1) non-essential retailers to be staffed on site, provided that they may only offer remote ordering (e.g. phone, internet, mail, dropbox) and delivery or curb-side pick-up, and 2) non-essential businesses and nonprofits to allow staff or third parties on site to the minimum extent necessary to provide security, maintenance, and receipt of mail and packages, or other services deemed essential in implementing guidance issued by the Department of Economic and Community Development.
2. **Extension of Time Period for Fire Service Personnel Examinations.** Section 7-323l-18a (d) (1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is modified to authorize 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, provided that he is authorized, in his sole discretion, to revoke such extensions as he deems necessary to protect public safety, and to further extend such timeline as he deems necessary.
3. **Delivery of Methadone to Homebound Patients by Methadone Maintenance Clinics.** Section 21a-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes is modified to permit the delivery of take-home doses of methadone for the treatment of drug dependent patients who are determined to be unable to travel to the treatment facility due to COVID-19 or related concerns. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may issue any implementing orders or guidance that she deems necessary to implement this order.

4. **Suspension of Rehiring Procedures and Restrictions on Temporary Worker Retirees (TWR).** In order to enable agencies to meet critical staffing needs caused by COVID-19 with skilled and experienced employees who require little to no additional training, Gov. Rell's Executive Order No. 37, Gov. Malloy's Executive Order No. 3, Section 6(b)(F) of Public Act 03-01 and Section 6(b)(G) of Public Act 03-02 are suspended to remove the two-year limitation TWRs and to authorize rehiring employees who participated in retirement incentive programs. Agencies shall expedite review and approval of any related extension or hiring requests.

5. **Modification of Real Property Statutes to Facilitate Leasing, Repairs, Alterations and Use of Real Property to Address the COVID-19 Emergency.** In accordance with the provisions of Section 28-9(b)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the following statutes are modified as set forth herein to authorize the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or her designee, or the Commissioner of Administrative Services, as applicable, to take any action they deem necessary to expedite the leasing or use of real property by the State of Connecticut to respond to the COVID-19 emergency:
 - a. subsections (a), (k) and (o) of Section 4b-23 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which require agencies to submit requests for space for approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management; to obtain approval for any space that was not included in the state facilities plan, and require the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management of all leases, lease renewals and holdover agreements proposed by the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services;
 - b. subsections (3) and (4) of Section 4-67g(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which requires the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management prior to any use of state real property by an entity other than a state agency, or use of state real property by a state agency other than the state agency with custody and control over such state real property;
 - c. subsection (f) of section 4b-3 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as to that portion of the statute that requires the approval of the State Properties Review Board of real estate acquisitions, sales, leases and subleases proposed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services;
 - d. section 4b-29 of the Connecticut General Statutes, only as to that portion of the statute that requires the approval of the State Properties Review Board for the Commissioner of Administrative Services to order the assignment and removal of state agencies to and from real estate available

to the state, through ownership or lease, when he deems it necessary to provide space, facilities and necessary accommodations to meet the needs of any of such agencies and when such assignment or removal will be in the best interests of the state;

- e. section 4b-33 of the Connecticut General Statutes in its entirety, which requires any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or other entity, seeking to enter into a lease or lease-purchase agreement with the state through the Commissioner of Administrative Services to file a sworn statement with said Commissioner disclosing the names of any persons having a financial interest in the property or premises involved, and which provides that failure to make such disclosure is punishable by a civil penalty;
- f. section 4b-34 of the Connecticut General Statutes in its entirety, which mandates advertising for leased space and notification to the Connecticut Association of Realtors of requirements for leased space by executive branch agencies;

6. **State Contracting Statutes Modified to Facilitate Leasing, Repairs, Alterations and Use of Real Property to Address the COVID-19 Emergency.** In accordance with the provisions of Section 28-9(b)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the following statutes are modified as set forth herein to authorize the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or her designee, or the Commissioner of Administrative Services, as applicable, to take any action they deem necessary to expedite the state-wide property transfers, assignments of space and leasing or use of real property by the State of Connecticut to respond to the COVID-19 emergency:

- a. sections 4-252 and 9-612(f)(2)(E) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Governor Malloy's Executive Order 49, which require disclosure of certain gifts and campaign contributions by state contractors and prospective state contractors for state contracts over \$50,000;
- b. section 4e-70 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which requires state contractors to comply with certain confidentiality requirements;
- c. sections 4e-29 and 4e-30 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which require state contractors to permit certain audit and inspection activities by the State at the contractors' expense;
- d. section 4a-57 requiring competitive solicitations for all purchases and contracts for supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services, including, pursuant to section 4d-8, the purchasing, leasing and

contracting for information system and telecommunication system facilities, equipment and services; and

e. section 4b-91 that sets forth the process for competitive solicitation for public works contracts.

7. **Approval for Transactions Covered by Sections 5 and 6 of This Order.** Department of Administrative Services shall submit all proposed real estate transactions subject to this order to the Deputy Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or his/her designee for review and approval. The Deputy Secretary or his/her designee shall have one (1) calendar day to respond to any proposed transaction pursuant to this Order, after which it shall be deemed approved.

Unless otherwise specified herein, this order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified or terminated by me.

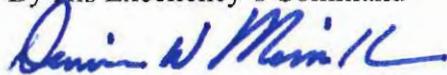
Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 22nd day of March, 2020.



Ned Lamont
Governor



By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BY HIS EXCELLENCY
NED LAMONT
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7P

**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19
PANDEMIC AND RESPONSE – SAFE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND
HEALTHCARE WORKERS**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued a declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such declaration, I have issued sixteen executive orders to suspend or modify statutes and to take other actions necessary to protect public health and safety and to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; 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 risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Connecticut Department of Public Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow transmission of the virus, including cancellation of gatherings of ten people or more and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, confirmed COVID-19 infections and resulting hospitalizations have increased significantly in recent days, at the same time that residents of areas with high infection rates have arrived in Connecticut, creating a need to enact further mandatory distancing measures to limit the rate of spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the continued operation of health care facilities or institutions, as defined by Section 19a-905 of the Connecticut General Statutes, is critical to the response to the declared public health and civil preparedness emergency; and

WHEREAS, first responders and healthcare workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic face increased risk of exposure and infection, and if exposed or infected, may need alternative housing to avoid transmitting the disease to coworkers or family members, and municipalities and agencies who arrange such housing may require federal reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control has recommended that states, especially those with higher rates of growth in the number of infected people, take measures to reduce density within homeless shelters and other congregant housing situations, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency is making funding available to reimburse states for certain related expenditures; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and other members of my leadership team, I have determined that reducing density in congregant housing and providing alternate housing for people experiencing homelessness is necessary to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut may experience a shortage of health care providers, as defined in such statute, because of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the issuance and maintenance by such health care facilities or institutions of identification badges, in complete conformance with Section 19a-905 of the Connecticut General Statutes, for health care providers who provide direct patient care at such facility or institution, may hinder flexible and responsive deployment of healthcare resources during the emergency; and

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. Authorization to Provide for Non-Congregant Housing for Persons at Risk.** The Commissioner of Public Health, Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and commissioners of Emergency Services and Public Protection and Housing are authorized to issue such orders as they deem necessary to provide or arrange non-congregant housing with sufficient physical distancing capacity for people who, from the nature of their existing housing or working environments, are at increased risk of exposure to, infection with, or transmission of COVID-19, and to seek reimbursement for any resulting expenditures from appropriate federal agencies or other sources.

Unless otherwise specified herein, this order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified or terminated by me.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 28th day of March, 2020.



Ned Lamont
Governor



By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF STATE HIGHWAYS
FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

NAME OF APPLICANT(S): Steeple Chase Bike Tour c/o Sandy Stevens

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER: 415 Bassetts Bridge Rd, Mansfield Center, Ct 06250

Email: sandyzerio@aol.com

Cell Phone: 860-965-1413

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT – Include name of event, date, time, and route(s) to be used (attach additional sheet if needed):

Twenty Ninth Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour Fund Raiser – Saturday August 15, 2020

Our town has received route maps and pertinent safety information about this event and a copy of the liability insurance for that day.

NOTE: Please return the signed application to Sandy Stevens for inclusion in the package to be sent to The Department of Transportation for permit to use state roads for this event. Thank You

Please use one of the following methods:

Email: Sandyzerio@aol.com

In the event a police escort is required, a traffic plan (map) must be submitted to the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, Traffic Services Unit, 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, Connecticut and the Legal Traffic Authority for each town involved in the event detailing the route along with all intersections where traffic control will be utilized. The State Police must be notified and concur with the traffic plan for the event. Verification must be forwarded to the Department of Transportation District Office. Visit www.ct.gov/dot for additional information.

APPROVAL SIGNATURE OF THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (only if a police escort is required), Division of State Police, Traffic Services Unit, 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, Connecticut:

Signature

Date

APPROVAL SIGNATURE OF CORRESPONDING LEGAL TRAFFIC AUTHORITIES (LTA'S) of town(s) which proposed event will travel:

TOWN(please print)

SIGNATURE (LTA)

Steeple Chase Bike Tour
100K / 62 Mile Route - Follow the White arrows.

At 45 Miles Follow the Yellow Arrows.

**Sponsored by: Perception Programs and Windham Area Interfaith Ministry and the
 Windham Region No Freeze Project**

Look for arrows one telephone pole length from the intersection. **Please keep as far to the RIGHT side of the road as possible and obey ALL traffic laws.**
 You can stop at as many or as few of the rest stops as you'd like. Please try to stop at least once and show your number to a Tour official so we know
 you are still with us. If you decide to leave the route call us. **Emergencies or assistance phones: 860-942-1491 or 860-860-382-3765.**

L=Left/R=Right/BR=Bear Right/BL=Bear Left/RL=Right & Left/LR=Left & Right/S=Straight/C=Continue

0.00	L	Mansfield City Road	31.95	S	Cross Rte. 32 - Route 207 East	Mansfield
0.12	L	Mansfield City Rd	36.15	S	Route 97 North	Windham
0.76	L	Pleasant Valley Road	36.72	R	Baltic Hanover Road	Chaplin
2.31	R	Woods Road	40.67	R	Woodchuck Hill Road	Scotland
2.98	R	Highland Road	40.72	L	Cemetary Road	Hampton
3.87	L	Stearns Road	41.1	L	Goodwin Road No 1	Coventry
3.96	R	Candide Lane	42.28	L	Ulasik Road	Columbia
4.56	L	Browns Road	42.3	L	Miller Road	Lebanon
4.73	R	CT-32 North	42.79	S	Continue onto Khourie Road	Franklin
5.63	L	Coventry Road	43.43	R	Hanover Road	Baltic
5.73	S	Depot Road	43.73	R	Cemetery Road	Hanover
6.26	L	CT-31 South	44.62	R	CT-97 North	Canterbury
7.87	R	CT-32 South	45.41	R	CT-14 E/CT-97 North	
9.94	R	Capitol Drive	45.42		Rest Stop: St. Margaret's Check In	
10.07	S	Chronicle Road	45.42	R	Brook Road	
10.09	R	Columbia Ave Route 66 west	45.45	S	Brook Road	
10.59	L	Cards Mill Road	47.76	L	Kemp Road	
11.98	R	Johnson Road	49.63	S	Kemp becomes Bass Road	
13.51	L	Szegda Road	50.28	R	Back Road	
14.50	L	Szegda Road	52.35	S	Continue onto Chewink Road	
14.65	L	CT-87 South	52.55	L	Back Road becomes Chewink Road	
15.87	R	Doubleday Road	54.00		CAUTION: Steep downhill Rte. 6 at bottom - STOP	
17.19	R	Chesbro Bridge Road	54.29	S	Continue onto CT-198 North	
17.37	L	Leonard Bridge Road/Pine St	54.86	L	Bedlam Road (<i>Scenic, Diana's Pool</i>)	
20.73	L	CT-207 East	56.14	L	South Bedlam Road	
22.55	L	Clubhouse Road	57.32	R	Bassetts Bridge Road	
23.82	R	Oliver Road	57.92	R	Rest Stop: Holy Cow Family Shelter	
26.00	R	CT-87 South	57.92	R	Continue on Bassetts Bridge Road	
26.90	R	CT-87 South	59.77	L	Storrs Road Route 195 South	
26.93	R	W Town Street	60.98	R	Conantville Road	
27.25	R	Rest Stop: St. Francis of Assisi	61.41	S	Conantville Road bears to right and becomes Meadowbrook Lane	
27.25	R	West Town Street	62.32	S	FINISH ECSU SPORTS COMPLEX	
28.38	L	Route 207 East	62.36	R	Ride through parking lot	
28.40	S	Route 207 East	62.38	L	Finish - ECSU Athletic Complex	



Town of Columbia, CT
Response to the COVID-19 Health Crisis

Operations Guide
Updated March 25, 2020

3:00 PM

Introduction

The Town of Columbia has compiled the information found within for the purposes of informing the public of what services they can expect to receive from the town government during the COVID-19 national health emergency. If you have questions about this guide, please refer them to the Selectmen's Office.

Contact Us

Town Department Contact Information: *Some department staff may be working from home or out sick on any given day. If you don't reach the party you're looking for, please leave a message and staff will get back to you within 24 hours. If you have urgent business with the town that absolutely cannot wait, please call 860-228-0110.*

Department	Phone #/Extension	Email Address	Page #
Assessor	860-228-9555	mlavallee@columbiact.org	3
Building & Land Use Department	860-228-0440	LandUse@columbiact.org	5
Education (Horace Porter School)	860-228-9493	mgeryk@hwporter.org	6
Finance	860-228-8423	bciurylo@columbiact.org	
Fire (CVFD)	860-228-9602	pstarkel@columbiafire5.org	7
Fire Marshal	860-228-0440	firemarshal@columbiact.org	8
Highway	860-228-4270	gmurphy@columbiact.org	
Library	860-228-0350	SBL@columbiactlibrary.org	9
Recreation	860-228-8513	recreation@columbiact.org	10
Sanitarian (Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD))	860-228-0440 860-649-8066 x108	gbagdoian@ehhd.org	11
First Selectmen & Town Administrator's Office	860-228-0110	townadministrator@columbiact.org	12
Senior Center	860-228-0759	beckish@columbiact.org	13
Social Services	860-450-7400 Ext. 7418	YolandaIrezarry@accessagency.org	14
Tax Collection	860-228-0230	taxcollector@columbiact.org	15
Town Clerk	860-228-3284	townclerk@columbiact.org or gmcgrath@columbiact.org	16
EMERGENCY Agency	911 Service	Phone #/Extension	Email Address
Willimantic Waste	Trash & Recycling Pickup	860-423-4527	info@williwaste.com
Animal Control	Animal Control	860-337-1222	townadministrator@columbiact.org
Eversource	Electricity	800-286-2000	
Probate Court	Probate Court	860-647-3227	

Non-Town Agency Contact Information

Connect with Us:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TownofColumbiaCT/>

Visit our website, Columbiact.org, to sign-up for our emergency notification system.

Assessor's Office

Operations are continuing normally, though the public is encouraged to submit information electronically whenever possible. Mail or hard-copy drop-off is still permissible, though not advised.

Property cards are available online at

<https://crocog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ed798533e6fd4304b2bef1f28e95c06f>

Just copy link above and past in your browser search line

If you no longer own a vehicle, you can mail, scan and email or place in our mail slot at the Town Hall, your cancellation of plates and the bill of sale to:

Columbia Tax Assessor

323 Route 87

Columbia, CT 06237

Inquiries can be made by phone or email.

Phone: (860) 228-9555

Email: mlavallee@columbiact.org

Buildings & Grounds

Town Hall

Entrance by the public available by appointment only. Screening conducted to ensure those entering are not ill, including a line of questions regarding virus exposure and potentially a non-invasive temperature screening. Staff working within the facility to provide services while minimizing exposure to others.

Senior Center

Facility closed to the public until further notice; staff working within to provide services.

Saxton B. Little Free Library

Facility closed to the public until further notice.

Firehouse

Facility only open to volunteer firefighters.

Horace W. Porter School

Facilities closed to all until further notice. For information about use of the grounds, please contact the Board of Education.

Rec Park

Grounds are open to the public; facility is closed except in special circumstances. Please note that social distancing is recommended even in open parks, and that group sizes should be kept to an absolute minimum.

The use of the playground equipment is prohibited.

Building/Land Use Department

Changes to Daily Operations

- We will remain open for phone calls. The office will be closed to the public, but we will be taking applications by postal mail and email (LandUse@columbiact.org).
- Please click [here](#) for all permit paperwork.
- Please call or email ahead to verify permit fees (by check only, made out to Town of Columbia), or to address other questions. Work that is to be done by a contractor must include a copy of their State license, and certificate of insurance with workman's comp, and should include a signed authorization from the property owner. Inspections will be carried out by appointment only for exterior inspections as well as inspections of non-occupied structures (new construction/additions) will continue.

Permitting & Inspection Information

- Inspections will be carried out by appointment as always but with the following restrictions; interior inspections of occupied buildings for items such as, but not limited to, kitchen/bath remodels, ac or furnace replacements, or other minor interior repairs/alterations will **not** be completed at this time. Please remember to call when the emergency passes. All exterior inspections as well as inspections of non-occupied structures (new construction/additions) will continue.
- We are making our best effort to protect Public and Staff health while maintaining some level of progress. I sincerely hope this is not too much of an inconvenience and that we all stay well.

Education

First and foremost, the Columbia school community would like to wish everyone good health during these difficult times. If you require educational assistance please contact Maria Geryk, Superintendent at mgeryk@hwporter.org with concerns or questions.

- H.W. Porter will begin **REMOTE** learning Wednesday, March 25th. The link can be accessed on the Porter [website](#).
- **Board of Education Meetings** - We are working towards providing information as soon as possible so the community can participate in meetings from their homes.
- **EASTCONN Food Services** is providing meals which are available to all Columbia students.

[Student Meal Information](#)

Please find additional details and resources on our website:

<https://www.hwporter.org/>

Columbia Volunteer Fire Department

In the ongoing effort to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 corona virus, the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department is modifying their response plans and procedures to assist you and protect them during the COVID-19 outbreak. The 9-1-1 Dispatch Center has implemented a screening process to ask callers requesting the assistance of fire, medical, or police resources additional questions in order to prepare and advise responding personnel. Please answer all of their questions. The most important thing residents should know is that if you call 9-1-1, the fire department's first priority is the safety of the residents and visitors of Columbia and that we are going to respond in the same manner that we always have. Depending on the type of alarm, you may see our firefighters take a few extra precautions as we work to avoid being exposed to this virus while providing you with the proper service. On some calls, a single firefighter or emergency medical responder, will come to the door and ask about the health of those in the home. If anyone in the home has a fever, flu-like symptoms or has traveled to certain areas, that firefighter/ EMS person will take extra time to take precautions, such as putting on some protective medical equipment.

The hospitals have recently changed their visitor policy. Please call ahead for instructions if you are going to go to any of the health care facilities.

Effective immediately the firehouse is restricted to Columbia Fire Department personnel only. This is in effort to protect the general public as well as first responders. If you have questions concerning any fire department business, you can contact us by calling 860-228-9602 or emailing us.

In case of an emergency, please dial 911 immediately.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support of the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully,

Chief Peter Starkel

pstarkel@columbiafire5.org

Fire Marshal's Office

Fire Marshal's Office

- Burn permit requests can be submitted by phone, or emailed to LandUse@columbiact.org and must include your name, address and phone number.
- The office will continue to investigate all fire emergencies within the town, perform building and site plan reviews for commercial projects, along with field inspections to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy and issue open burning permits.
- Until further notice existing building inspections will not be scheduled, unless requested by the owner.
- Anyone needing the services of the Fire Marshal or Open Burning Official are asked to contact the Town of Columbia Land Use Department at 860-228-0440 during normal business hours M-Th 8-4 & F 8-noon.
- For emergency situations after business hours, please call 9-1-1.

Library

Changes to Daily Operations

For all of our health and safety, the Library is *COMPLETELY CLOSED* until further notice. We are working from home. This means our book drops are currently locked. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY MATERIALS HERE!** Please keep them until further notice. We trust that you will take care of them for us and appreciate that you are helping us in this way.

NOTE: NO FINES WILL ACCUMULATE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!!

Our sister organization, the Friends of the Library are not accepting donations until further notice. Please do not leave any donations or they will be thrown out.

These are trying times. We thank you for your patience and support.

In the interim, updates about the Library, information you might need, and distraction are as follows:

- We are sending out one issue of our digital newsletter each week with updates about the Library and things of interest, such as virtual story times, new online materials, etc. Sign up can be found on the left column of our website (www.columbiactlibrary.org)
- We are keeping up the Library's Facebook page (@saxtonblibrary). Since we know that many other organizations are pushing lots of content, we're keeping it down to a couple posts a day. For those who are not members, our Facebook page is public.
- News, information and items of interest are also being updated every few days on our website.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please note that during this time, Library Staff are actively developing creative ways to assist our patrons as public health concerns continue.

If you have questions, just want to know we're here or what to chat, write us.

We have a dedicated email for these times: SBL@columbiactlibrary.org, but feel free to email any staff member.

Recreation Department

Due to the precautions being taken to protect our community from the spread of the COVID-19, the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department has decided to cancel all upcoming programs and events. The Parks & Recreation Department will reschedule programs and return to our usual schedule in the upcoming weeks, as long as it is safe to do so. Please check the Town of Columbia's website for up-to-date notifications. Thank you and we appreciate your patience. Please stay safe and healthy.

We will be releasing weekly/bi-weekly contest that allow residents to compete and participate virtually with the community. For more information check your emails, our facebook page and the Recreation page on the town website for more information.

We look forward to being able to get back to our regularly scheduled programming and interacting with the great residents of our community!

Contact the Parks and Recreation Department:

Phone: 860-228-8513

Email: recreation@columbiact.org

Sanitarian/Health Department

(Eastern Highlands Health District)

Health Department Forms

- Hard copies can be picked up at Town Hall by appointment.
- Forms are available on the Eastern Highlands Health District website, ehhd.org.
- Forms will also be sent electronically if requested.

General COVID-19 Information (info from CT Department of Public Health)

- Symptoms can include fever, cough, fatigue, and shortness of breath.
 - If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and other symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice.
- The virus is spread from person-to-person, via close contact (within a six-foot radius) and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected individual sneezes or coughs.
 - Transmission can also occur when a person touches an infected surface and then touches their eyes, mouth, or nose.

General COVID-19 Prevention

- Avoid person-to-person contact as much as possible.
- Wash your hands often. If using hand sanitizer, it should be comprised of at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with your unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you are feeling ill.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Clean and disinfect regularly.

First Selectmen & Town Administrator

Services Still Offering

- Staff will be present in the office to answer phone calls and emails until further notice.
- The Transfer Station is still open Wednesday and Saturday but ONLY for household waste, electronics and recyclables. Bulky waste, Library book donations, bottles and cans for the Scouts, brush or tires are not accepted at this time. To protect our employees and the public the Swap Shop will be closed. No exchange of currency will be conducted.
- All public meetings will be coordinated by the Administrator until further notice, and all such meetings that are held shall be accessible remotely.
- Policy development will continue on behalf of the Board of Selectmen as expected.
- All Human Resources inquiries will be managed without hindrance.
 - Any individual called for an interview with the town shall be given instructions on how to connect with the Selection Committee via phone or Zoom meeting rather than in-person.
- Public health and wellness notifications will continue to be shared on social media and via other means as necessary.

Services Not Currently Offering

- Facilities are not being rented out or otherwise reserved until further notice.
- Pistol permitting has been suspended temporarily by the state government.
- Fingerprinting services are no longer being offered by the state.

Contact Info

- Phone: 860-228-0110
- Email: townadministrator@columbiact.org

Senior Center

In the ongoing effort to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 corona virus, the Beckish Senior Center and Transportation Program are closed to the public until further notice. The Beckish Senior Center will be open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8-3pm for donations to the food pantry to help those in need in town. The Meal on Wheels program is still on going, and we are now accepting new clients in Columbia. Tuesdays will be the delivery day for all Meal on Wheel (MOW) clients and those who rely on the congregate meal program. I will also be making deliveries to those in need on Tuesdays between 11am and 1pm.

All trips for March and April are canceled –

No Transportation Services

No Congregate meals

Please call the Beckish Senior Center at 860-228-0759 for any questions or concerns. Please check the town website www.columbiact.org and Beckish Senior Center Facebook page for future updates.

Contact Info

- Phone: 860-228-0759
- Email: beckish@columbiact.org

Social Services

Services Still Offering

- Staff is available by phone.

Services Not Currently Offering

- The building is closed to the public.

Contact Info

- Phone: 860-450-7400 Ext. 7418
- Email: Yolanda.irizarry@accessagency.org

Tax Collector's Office

860-228-0230

taxcollector@columbiact.org

Town of Columbia Website: <https://www.columbiact.org/>

To Pay Online and 2019 Tax Payment Information click [here](#).

The Town of Columbia, in partnership with Invoice Cloud, is excited to offer residents an easy and secure way to view, print and pay their real estate, personal property and motor vehicle tax bills online.

Another way of paying taxes is to call ahead to the tax collector's office to ensure the department is staffed and when we can expect your arrival. Payments can be put in the key box outside the front door of the Town Hall. At this time, I would ask that payment be made with a bank check or money order if motor vehicle clearance is needed before 2 weeks. I am requesting that cash NOT be used at this time.

Motor vehicle clearance will be on a case-by-case basis. Please be prepared and pay your taxes at least a month before you need to register a vehicle to make sure the release will be able to be processed.

Many questions regarding tax bills can also be found on the town website or call us at the number above.

Please direct phone calls regarding selling, junked, or totaled vehicles to the Assessor's office at 860-228-9555.

Best regards,

Carol Price

Tax Collector

Town of Columbia

Town Clerk

Services Still Offering

- Vital record requests (certified copies) via mail.
 - Funeral Home directors/representatives are requested to call our office to make arrangements.
- Dog licensing via mail.
 - Please go to the Town Clerk's page at www.columbiact.org for more information.
- Land Record Recordings, Trade Names and Name Changes via Mail, UPS, Fed-Ex.
 - Attorneys with Warranty deeds, Quit-Claim deeds, etc. should contact our office.
- Online land records searches (index only) available through Record Hub (COTT) remotely.
- Voter Registration can be done online via SOTS website.
 - <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>
- Voicemails received will be answered as soon as possible.

Services Not Currently Offering

- Notary services suspended due to severe exposure to the public.
- Processing of Marriage license applications suspended due to severe exposure to the public.
- Liquor permit filings suspended due to severe exposure to the public.

Alternatives

- Inquiries about notary services - Please check with the UPS stores or your local bank to see if they are offering these services.
- Inquiries about Marriage Licenses - Please go to the Town Clerk's page at www.columbiact.org for more information.

Contact Information

- Phone: 860-228-3284
- Email: townclerk@columbiact.org or gmcgrath@columbiact.org

NOTE: The 2020 Presidential Preference Primary has been postponed until June 2, 2020

Young female tests positive in Columbia

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COLUMBIA — Columbia's first positive case of COVID-19 was confirmed Tuesday in a 25-year-old female resident.

"What we as a community need to realize is that no one is immune," Columbia First Selectman Steven Everett wrote in a notice to the public.

Everett sent out the public notice at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

He told residents to not panic, to strictly follow the guidelines set by the state and federal government and to support each other as best as possible.

"I will admit that this news is unsettling, but I ask you not to panic," Everett wrote. "As for our town, we are prepared for the coronavirus."

The 25-year-old female was tested at a local hospital, which was unspecified, according to Columbia Town Administrator Mark Walter, and the Eastern Highlands

Health District was notified Tuesday.

"The case contact investigation is still ongoing, but the health department does anticipate more positive results from the community," Everett wrote in the notice.

As of Tuesday night, the latest test result data from Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont show an additional 203 residents throughout the state have tested positive, bringing the statewide total to 618.

"I ask you to look after each other by phone, call or Facebook notification to family, friends and neighbors and by staying home and staying safe," Everett wrote.

Windham County has two confirmed cases; New London County has six confirmed cases and one hospitalized case; Tolland County has 19 confirmed cases, four hospitalized cases and three deaths.

Fairfield County has 384 cases and seven deaths;

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ways to connect and commu- we had a wonderful, brief out so much and why do I Follow Lisa Massicotte on Twitter - @LMassicotteTC.

Female tests positive in Columbia

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Hartford County has 88 cases and two deaths; Litchfield County has 22 cases; Middlesex County has eight cases and New Haven County has 89 cases, according to the data.

"It's pretty much hit everywhere around us," Walter

said this morning. "The (Eastern Highlands Health District) Director (Rob Miller) stressed if you have one positive case, you most likely have other people who have the virus who are not showing symptoms or may shortly start showing symptoms."

Walter said the community

has been generous in donating to the Beckish Senior Center food bank and food packages are being sent to self-isolated seniors each week.

He also said the town trying to support those in need of financial assistance during these trying times.

"We'll do whatever we can

to get them through this pandemic," Walter said.

For more information on donating to the Beckish Senior Center's food bank, visit www.columbiact.org and look for "senior services" or call 860-228-0759.

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Croppe diarrhoea

Two more towns declare states of emergency

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LEBANON/COLUMBIA

—The towns of Lebanon and Columbia have been added to the ever-growing list of local municipalities declaring states of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lebanon First Selectman Kevin Cwikla declared the town's emergency Tuesday afternoon while Columbia First Selectman Steven Everett declared a state of emergency last Friday.

There are some differences between the guidelines for the towns' states of emergencies, but the general order is all town facilities, except for transfer stations, are closed to the public.

In Lebanon, the town facilities — including the library and senior center — will be closed to the public until April 30, according to Cwikla's order.

Town offices in Columbia will be closed off to the public until March 30, with the exception of the Saxton B. Little Library and the Beckish Senior Center, which are closed indefinitely.

Town offices in Lebanon and Columbia will be staffed and are accepting phone calls from the public to fulfill the needs of residents.

The Beckish Senior Center in Columbia is working to get food items to people in need. Those in need of food are encouraged to call the senior center at 860-228-0759.

"We are still assessing the need here in Columbia and

will do our best to accommodate everyone who is homebound or have compromised immune systems," reads a March 17 public notice.

The Lebanon Transfer Station will remain open during regular hours, Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Columbia Transfer Station will be open Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but only for household waste and recyclables.

"To protect our employees and the public, the Swap Shop and electronics will be

closed. No exchange of currency will be conducted," a March 17 update on the Columbia

town website reads.

All town board, commission and committee meetings are canceled in Columbia until March 30, according to Columbia Town Administrator Mark Walter.

As for Lebanon, all municipal meetings are canceled through April 30 unless they are conducted via "phone-in" capabilities, according to Cwikla's order.

"Such meetings conducted using phone-in capabilities will continue to be held under the quorum and FOI (Freedom of Information) conditions presently in effect unless suspended by the governor," the Lebanon declaration reads.

For more information, visit lebanontownhall.org and columbiact.org.

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A 'care'-avan

A caravan of teachers and staff members, above, leaves Horace W. Porter School in Columbia on Tuesday. The staff drove through Columbia neighborhoods to beep and wave to their students as a way to lift their spirits. The caravan is greeted with waves as it passes by, below. Roxanne Pandolfi | Staff



Crews respond to two motorcycle accidents

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WINDHAM/COLUMBIA — Police and emergency responders had to tend to two serious motorcycle accidents Monday afternoon in Columbia and Windham.

In Columbia, Robert McKay, 63, of South Windsor, was flown by the Life Star helicopter to Hartford Hospital Monday afternoon.

According to police, he was ejected from his motorcycle at Route 66 at Pine Street around 3 p.m.

A spokesperson for Hartford Hospital said this morning that McKay is in critical condition.

According to state police, McKay was traveling east on Route 66 when

The motorcycle crashes in Columbia and Windham are both still under investigation by Connecticut State Police.

the vehicle in front of him slowed to make a left turn onto Henniquin Road.

The release reads McKay then collided with the vehicle, a Ford Escape.

As a result of the collision, McKay was ejected from the bike and transported by Life Star helicopter.

The Columbia case remains under investigation by state police.

Later in the afternoon, area

responders had another motorcycle crash to deal with.

Windham crews were at the scene of a motorcycle accident at 418 Boston Post Road. The accident occurred near Home Depot, according to the North Windham Fire Department.

According to the BreakingNow Twitter feed, which first posted at about 4:10 p.m. Monday, the victim was unconscious.

North Windham Fire Department Chief Jeff Wrana said the motorcycle operator crashed into a pickup truck.

The condition of the motorcycle operator prompted responders to request Life Star helicopter, according to Wrana.

Wrana said Life Star helicopter was standing by at Windham Memorial Community Hospital for further transportation.

The Windham accident case is also still under investigation by state police.

No further information on the Windham accident was available this morning.

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