

COVID-19 UPDATE



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Governor Lamont's Executive Orders RE: COVID19

[Executive Order 7J: \(3/22/20\):](#)

Clarifies **Executive Order No. 7H** regarding non-essential business operations; allows delivery of at-home doses of methadone to homebound drug-dependent patients; suspends previously enacted executive orders and public acts, temporarily removing the two-year limitation on temporary worker retirees.

[Executive Order 7I: \(3/21/20\):](#)

Makes modifications to DSS benefits by: suspending copayments for full benefit dually eligible Medicare Part D beneficiaries; Suspends copayments for HUSKY B clients and; suspends limitations on refills of non-maintenance medications for HUSKY beneficiaries. Additionally, the Executive orders makes modifications related to DCF by placing limits on visitors to facilities that treat children or youth with psychiatric disabilities and waives in-person service, screening, and hearing requirements for facilities that have limited visitor access. In reference to DCP, the Executive Order provides pharmacists the ability to refill non-controlled substance prescriptions for up to 30 days in the event they are unable to contact the prescribing practitioner and provides the Commissioner of DCP with the authority to waive pharmacy operation regulations.

[Executive Order 7H: \(3/20/20\):](#)

Executive Order 7H, will ban all non-essential employees from reporting to work. The order excludes any essential business or entity providing essential services or functions, including healthcare, food service, law enforcement, and similar critical services. By 8 p.m., March 22, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) will issue guidance about which businesses are deemed 'essential.' Essential industries will include but not be limited to, the 16 critical infrastructure sectors as [defined](#) by the Department of Homeland Security. Dubbed, *Stay Safe, Stay At Home* the Order is aimed at slowing the community spread of COVID-19. The Order is effective on 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 23.

[Executive Order 7G: \(3/19/20\):](#)

Postpone Connecticut's presidential primary from April 28 to June 2; suspend non-critical court operations and associated requirements, deadlines, and statutes of limitations; permit certain restaurants and other eating establishments to sell alcohol with take-out food orders and certain other licensees to sell for off-premise consumption under conditions specified in the order and implementing orders to be issued by the Department of Consumer Protection; directs the temporary closure of barber shops, hair salons, tattoo or piercing parlors, and related businesses effective at 8:00 p.m. on Friday; expand the ability of patients and doctors to use telehealth for healthcare services; and temporarily suspend in-person investigation visits regarding suspected elder abuse and extends

timelines for reporting investigation results.

[Executive Order No. 7F: \(3/18/20\):](#)

Closes large indoor malls and places of amusement (but not parks and open space areas) effective 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19; allows Medicaid to cover audio-only telehealth services; provides flexibility for critical legal functions regarding conservators and competency hearings to ensure the safety of nursing home patients; and exempts certain schools inside state facilities from school cancellation order.

[Executive Order No. 7E: \(3/17/20\):](#)

Modifies waiver of the 180-day school year; allows police departments to limit or eliminate fingerprinting for background checks; Extends expiration dates for DEEP permits, licenses, and other credentials administered; suspends the requirement that public assistance benefit overpayments be immediately recouped; and suspend in-person hearing attendance requirements for certain DSS hearings.

[Executive Order No. 7D: \(3/16/20\):](#)

Further reduces large crowds to no more than 50; limits restaurants and bars to take-out and delivery services only; closes off-track betting facility operations; and closes gyms, fitness studios, and movie theaters.

[Executive Order No. 7C: \(3/15/20\):](#)

Cancels classes at all public schools statewide effective March 17 through at least March 31; provides flexibility for municipal budget deadlines and related issues; Authorizes the DMV commissioner to close branches to the public, conduct business remotely, and extend deadlines; and allows restrictions on visitor access to psychiatric facilities in order to protect vulnerable residents, patients, and staff.

[Executive Order No. 7B: \(3/14/20\)](#)

Waiver garb requirements for non-hazardous sterile compounding; child care and CON waivers; waiver of manufacture requirements for hand sanitizers; in person open meeting rule changes; and of face to face requirements for TFA.

[Executive Order No. 7A: \(3/13/20\):](#)

Grants the commissioner of the Department of Public Health the authority to restrict visitation at nursing homes.

[Executive Order No. 7: \(3/12/20\):](#)

Emergency civil preparedness and public health declarations, including limiting the size of gatherings to 250 people, waiving the 180-day school year requirement, clarifying nursing home visitation restrictions, authorizing DMV to extend renewal deadlines, and relaxing attendance rules for police academy trainees.

[DPH Releases COVID-19 Update:](#)

On Saturday, March 22, the Connecticut Department of Public Health released a report highlighting the spread of COVID-19 in the state of Connecticut. The report can be found [here](#).

[FAQs on Diagnostic Testing for COVID-19:](#)

The FDA created a document providing answers to frequently asked questions relating to the development and performance of diagnostic tests for COVID-19. The document can be found [here](#). Also please click [here](#) **for guidance for diagnostic tests for COVID-19 during a Public Health Emergency.**