

## COVID-19 Executive Orders Extended Past April 20

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### Issue

This report lists the COVID-19 executive orders (EOs) that the governor extended past April 20, 2021.

### Summary

The governor declared public health and civil preparedness emergencies on [March 10, 2020](#), in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He renewed this declaration on [September 1, 2020](#), [January 26, 2021](#), [April 19, 2021](#), and [May 18, 2021](#), while also declaring new states of emergency on each of these dates. ([SA 21-2](#), signed by the governor on March 31, 2021, ratified the first three declarations and authorized a renewal through May 20, 2021; [SA 21-4](#) (signed on May 13), extended the renewal authorization through July 20, 2021.)

Previously, when renewing the emergency declaration, the governor issued accompanying EOs to broadly extend all unexpired EOs from one emergency period to the next. With the April 19 renewal, however, he issued six accompanying orders that extended only a subset of the unexpired COVID-19 EOs. Collectively, the six orders (1) extended specified EOs through May 20, 2021 (EOs [11](#) and [11E](#)), and (2) merged specified EOs affecting similar subjects into new, consolidated EOs (with modifications in some cases) that are effective through May 20 (EOs [11A](#) through [11D](#)).

On April 30, the governor issued a seventh EO ([EO 11F](#)), which extended an additional EO and amended one of the consolidated EOs. On May 18, he issued an additional order ([EO 12](#)), which revised mask and face covering requirements, effective through July 20, 2021.

Table 1 below lists the orders extended through May 20 by EOs [11](#), [11E](#), and [11F](#). Table 2 lists the merged orders and their subject matter. The merged orders address sector rules for businesses ([11A](#)), liquor permits and sales ([11B](#), as amended by [11F](#)), visitation at congregate facilities ([11C](#)), and state contracting and real property ([11D](#)).

For additional information about COVID-19 EOs issued pursuant to the March 10, 2020, September 1, 2020, and January 26, 2021, emergency declarations, please see the following OLR reports:

- [2020-R-0109](#): COVID-19 Executive Orders Affecting Business, Labor, and Housing
- [2020-R-0110](#): COVID-19 Executive Orders Affecting Health and Human Services
- [2020-R-0111](#): COVID-19 Executive Orders Affecting Education and Child Care
- [2020-R-0112](#): COVID-19 Executive Orders Affecting State and Local Government Operations and Elections

Readers are encouraged to obtain the full text of the orders, and related state agency actions taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, from the governor’s website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Pages/Emergency-Orders-issued-by-the-Governor-and-State-Agencies>.

## Orders Extended Past April 20

Table 1 lists the orders extended through May 20, 2021, by EOs [11](#), [11E](#), and [11F](#).

**Table 1: COVID-19 Orders Extended Through May 20**

Citation	Description
<a href="#">7B</a> , §§ 1, 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension of in-person open meeting requirements (§ 1)</li> <li>• Waiver of face-to-face interview requirements for Temporary Family Assistance (§ 5)</li> <li>• Flexibility to maintain adequate childcare resources (§ 6)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7E</a> , §§ 3 & 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of time period for permits by the emergency services and public protection commissioner (§ 3)</li> <li>• Suspension of in-person attendance at Department of Social Services (DSS) fair hearings (§ 5)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7F</a> , §§ 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of Medicaid telehealth coverage to audio-only telephone (§ 3)</li> <li>• Waiver of in-person service, hearing, and screening requirements for facilities that have issued orders limiting visitor access to protect the public health (§ 4)</li> </ul>

**Table 1 (continued)**

Citation	Description
<a href="#">7G</a> , §§ 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexibility for Medicaid-enrolled providers and in-network providers for commercial fully insured health insurance to perform telehealth through additional methods (§ 5)</li> <li>• Temporary suspension of in-person investigative visits regarding reports of elder abuse (§ 6)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7I</a> , §§ 2, 3 & 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension of copayments for full-benefit dually eligible Medicare Part D beneficiaries (§ 2)</li> <li>• Suspension of copayments for HUSKY B clients (§ 3)</li> <li>• Suspension, modification, and clarification of certain municipal procedural requirements and time limitations regarding notice, commencement, and holding of public hearings, decisions, and appeals (§ 19)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7J</a> , §§ 3-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of methadone to homebound patients by methadone maintenance clinics (§ 3)</li> <li>• Suspension of rehiring procedures and restrictions on temporary worker retirees (§ 4)</li> <li>• State real property (§§ 5-7, superseded by <a href="#">EO 11D</a>; see below)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7K</a> , §§ 1, 2 & 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension of non-critical probate court operations and associated requirements (§ 1)</li> <li>• Suspension of non-critical Workers' Compensation Commission operations and associated requirements (§ 2)</li> <li>• Temporary suspension of national criminal history records checks for long term care providers (§ 5)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7L</a> , § 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexibility to maintain adequate medical marijuana access for patients</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7M</a> , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authority to extend statutory and regulatory administrative deadlines by 90 days</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7N</a> , § 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension of 21-month limit on Temporary Family Assistance</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7O</a> , §§ 1 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension of requirements for license renewal and inspections by the Department of Public Health (DPH) (§ 1)</li> <li>• Waiver of Birth-to-Three family cost participation fees (§ 4)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7P</a> , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorization to provide for non-congregant housing for persons at risk</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7Q</a> , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote notarization: amended procedures</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7R</a> , § 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curbside pickup of alcoholic beverages permitted</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7T</a> , § 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative to affidavits related to protection and relief orders</li> </ul>

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Citation	Description
<a href="#">7V</a> , §§ 3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice before licensure for certain health care profession applicants and graduates (§ 3)</li> <li>• Practice before licensure for marital and family therapy associates (§ 4)</li> <li>• Practice before licensure for professional counselor associates (§ 5)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7W</a> , §§ 2 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No increased experience rating based on COVID-19 unemployment claims (§ 2)</li> <li>• Recording liquor permits with town clerk (§ 8, superseded by <a href="#">EO 11B</a>; see below)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7Y</a> , §§ 3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 transfer defined and included in definition of emergency (applies to nursing home residents) (§ 3)</li> <li>• Notice of discharge and discharge plan not required for COVID-19 recovered discharges (§ 4)</li> <li>• No hearing or court order required for transfer to recovery facility of patients under conservatorship (§ 5)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7Z</a> , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension of requirements for security officer license</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7CC</a> , § 3 as amended by <a href="#">EO 10</a> , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclusion of federal stimulus payments in evaluating eligibility for state or local programs financed in whole or in part using state funds (<a href="#">EO 7CC</a>, § 3)</li> <li>• Exclusion of individual stimulus payments from benefit eligibility calculations (<a href="#">EO 10</a>, § 1)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7CC</a> , §§ 4-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative to physical presence in court for finding of irretrievable breakdown of marriage (§ 4)</li> <li>• Alternative to in-person waiver of right to file motion or petition for educational support (§ 5)</li> <li>• Alternative to physical appearance of petitioner regarding decree of dissolution after entry of decree of legal separation (§ 6)</li> <li>• Alternative to in-court canvass prior to entrance of final agreement (§7)</li> <li>• Alternative to physical presence when findings on the record required (§ 8)</li> </ul>

**Table 1 (continued)**

Citation	Description
<a href="#">7DD</a> , §§ 1, 2 & 4-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additions to definition of telehealth provider (§ 1)</li> <li>• Flexibility for Medicaid-enrolled providers and in-network providers for commercial fully insured health insurance to perform telehealth through additional methods (§ 2)</li> <li>• Participation in intern, resident physician, or United States medical officer candidate training programs prior to permit issuance (§ 4)</li> <li>• Participation in resident physician assistant program prior to permit issuance (§ 5)</li> <li>• Temporary suspension of physician assistant supervision restrictions (§ 6)</li> <li>• Temporary suspension of in-person supervision requirement for advanced practice registered nurses (§ 7)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7EE</a> , §§ 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory reporting by managed residential communities (§ 1)</li> <li>• Mandatory reporting by nursing homes (§ 2)</li> <li>• Civil penalties for failure to comply with mandatory reporting (§ 3)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7EE</a> , § 4*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiving certain Medicaid prior authorization requirements</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7FF</a> , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional flexibility for Medicaid-enrolled providers to perform telehealth through audio-only methods for new patients</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7HH</a> , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowance of remote meeting and voting procedures for common interest ownership associations</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7II</a> , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorization for DSS commissioner to temporarily waive, modify, or suspend DSS home health regulatory requirements</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7JJ</a> , §§ 2 & 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distance learning and remote testing and certification for Department of Energy and Environmental Protection programs (§ 2)</li> <li>• Tolling of land use and building permits (§ 3)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7KK</a> , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharmacists ordering and administering Food and Drug Administration-approved tests for COVID-19</li> </ul>

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Citation	Description
<a href="#">7NN</a> , §§ 2, 3 & 5-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote participation in nonstock corporation member meetings (§ 2)</li> <li>• Waiver of certain regulatory limitations on the amount of support that can be provided to caregiver relatives (§ 3)</li> <li>• Authorization for Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to direct DSS to provide Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) distributions to nursing home facilities (§ 5)</li> <li>• Authorization for OPM to direct DSS to provide CRF distributions to COVID-19 recovery facilities and alternate COVID-19 recovery facilities (§ 6)</li> <li>• Authorization for additional COVID-19 related hardship relief funding under the CRF to nursing home facilities (§ 7)</li> <li>• CRF distribution determinations not subject to rehearing or appeal (§ 8)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">700</a> , § 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification that commissioner orders issued pursuant to the governor's executive orders are not regulations subject to the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7SS</a> , §§ 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary nurse aide defined (§ 1)</li> <li>• DPH commissioner to grant registration of a temporary nurse aide (§ 2)</li> <li>• Restrictions on temporary nurse aides (§ 3)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7TI</a> , § 2, as amended by <a href="#">10D</a> , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amended prohibitions on large gatherings (<a href="#">EO 7TI</a>, § 2)</li> <li>• Relaxation of capacity limits for religious, spiritual, or worship gatherings (<a href="#">EO 10D</a>, § 1)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7XX</a> , §§ 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension of the involuntary discharge of nursing facility residents who may be discharged to homeless shelters, except in emergency situations or with respect to COVID-19 recovered discharges (§ 3)</li> <li>• Suspension of the involuntary discharge of residential care home residents who may be discharged to homeless shelters, except in emergency situations (§ 4)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7YY</a> , §§ 2, 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuance of certain motor vehicle registrations (§ 2)</li> <li>• Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) authorization for online or remote training (§ 7)</li> <li>• Dealer issuance of permanent vessel registrations (§ 8)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7AAA</a> , § 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory COVID-19 testing for staff of private and municipal nursing home facilities, managed residential communities, and assisted living services agencies</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7CCC</a> , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of time for fire service personnel examinations</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7CCC</a> , § 3**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuance of duplicate drivers' licenses and identity cards</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7EEE</a> , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorization for OPM to direct DSS to provide CRF funding to additional providers</li> </ul>

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Citation	Description
<a href="#">7FFF</a> , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modifying minimum service hours for private non-medical institutions for adults</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7III</a> , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of statutory or regulatory deadlines by DMV commissioner</li> </ul>
<a href="#">7NNN</a> , § 1***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face coverings in public and gathering size limits</li> </ul>
<a href="#">9</a> , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early childhood and education commissioners may issue operational rules</li> </ul>
<a href="#">9H</a> , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote participation in municipal meetings</li> </ul>
<a href="#">9K</a> , § 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexibility for school nutrition programs</li> </ul>
<a href="#">9O</a> , §§ 1 & 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration of COVID-19 vaccine by licensed pharmacists (§ 1)</li> <li>• Out-of-network COVID-19 immunization (§ 3)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">9S</a> , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorization for continued temporary suspension of the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration of out-of-state providers</li> </ul>
<a href="#">10</a> , §§ 1, 4 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclusion of individual stimulus payments from benefit eligibility calculations (§ 1)</li> <li>• Use of commuter parking facilities for COVID-19 testing and vaccination (§ 4)</li> <li>• Paid leave requirements for staff of local and regional boards of education (§ 6)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">10A</a> , §§ 2 & 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of agency and municipal emergency orders (§ 2)</li> <li>• Extension of eviction moratorium (§ 3)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">10A</a> , § 5*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certain provisions related to court operations and associated requirements</li> </ul>
<a href="#">10C</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of legislative action to expand access to telehealth services</li> </ul>
<a href="#">10E</a> , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absentee voting eligibility during COVID-19 pandemic</li> </ul>

\* Extended by [EO 11E](#)

\*\* Extended by [EO 11E](#), § 1

\*\*\* Repealed by [EO 12](#), which establishes revised requirements for masks and face coverings through July 20, 2021

## Merged Orders

Table 2 lists orders that merge specified EOs affecting similar subjects into new, consolidated EOs.

**Table 2: Consolidated COVID-19 Orders**

Order	Subject	Description
<a href="#">11A</a>	Sector Rules for Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorization to issue sector rules to limit transmission of COVID-19 (§ 1)</li> <li>• Enforcement of Sector Rules (§ 2)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Local health director's and district health director's authority to enforce Sector Rules</li> <li>○ Municipal chief executive officer's authority to enforce Sector Rules</li> <li>○ Authorization to issue fines</li> <li>○ Additional enforcement authority regarding violations of size and capacity restrictions</li> <li>○ DPH commissioner measures to ensure enforcement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="#">11B</a>	Liquor Permits and Sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sale of alcoholic liquor for pick-up or delivery (§ 1)</li> <li>• Liquor permit approval process modifications (§ 2)</li> <li>• Alcoholic liquor sales by caterers for virtual or remote event (§ 3)</li> <li>• Liquor service in connection with indoor and outdoor dining (§ 4)*</li> <li>• Renewals of liquor permits extended (§ 5)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">11C</a>	Visitation at Congregate Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary modification of in-person investigative visits and extension of time to commence and complete an investigation of child abuse or neglect conducted by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) (§ 1)</li> <li>• Limits on visitation with children placed in DCF care and custody (§ 2)</li> <li>• Limits on visitors to facilities that treat children or youth with psychiatric disabilities (§ 3)</li> <li>• Limits on visitors to the Southbury Training School (§ 4)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">11D</a>	State Contracting and Real Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modification of real property statutes to facilitate leasing, repairs, alterations, and use of real property to address the COVID-19 emergency (supersedes <a href="#">EO 7J</a>, § 5) (§ 1)</li> <li>• Modification of state contracting statutes to facilitate emergency procurement of essential goods (§ 2)</li> <li>• Modification of state contracting statutes to facilitate the emergency procurement of essential services (Supersedes <a href="#">EO 7GG</a>, § 1) (§ 3)</li> </ul>

\* Modified by [EO 11F](#), § 2

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