

Expired and Extended COVID-19 Executive Orders

By: Jessica Schaeffer-Helmecki, Associate Legislative Attorney
July 2, 2021 | 2021-R-0101

Issue

This report describes the COVID-19 executive orders (EOs) that expired (as of May 21 and May 29, 2021) and those the governor extended (through June 1, June 30, and July 20, respectively).

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](#) ratified the first three declarations and authorized a renewal through May 20, 2021; [SA 21-4](#) extended the renewal authorization through July 20, 2021.)

With the first two emergency declaration renewals, the governor issued accompanying EOs that broadly extended all unexpired EOs from one emergency period to the next. Beginning with the April renewal, however, he extended (through May 20, 2021) only a subset of the unexpired COVID-19 EOs. OLR Report [2021-R-0096](#) provides an overview of these extended orders.

On May 20, the governor issued [EO 12B](#), which:

1. repeals certain orders, or portions of orders, as of May 21, 2021 (Table 1 below);
2. sets May 29 as the expiration date for all orders that are not extended; and
3. extends certain orders, or portions of orders, through June 1 (Table 2), June 30 (Table 3), and July 20 (Table 4).

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>.

Repealed Orders

Table 1 lists the orders, or portions of orders, that are repealed as of May 21, 2021 ([EO 12B](#), § 1). All other active orders that are not extended expire on May 29, 2021 ([EO 12B](#), § 11).

Table 1: COVID-19 Orders Repealed as of May 21

Citation	Description
7E , §§ 3 & 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of time period for permits by the emergency services and public protection commissioner (§ 3) • Suspension of in-person attendance at Department of Social Services (DSS) fair hearings (§ 5)
7F , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of Medicaid telehealth coverage to audio-only telephone
7G , §§ 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility for Medicaid-enrolled providers and in-network providers for commercial fully insured health insurance to perform telehealth through additional methods (§ 5) • Temporary suspension of in-person investigative visits regarding reports of elder abuse (§ 6)
7J , §§ 5-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State leasing and use of real property (was previously superseded by EO 11D)
7K , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of non-critical probate court operations and associated requirements
7M , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authority to extend statutory and regulatory administrative deadlines by 90 days
7O , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of requirements for license renewal and inspections by the Department of Public Health (DPH)

Table 1 (continued)

Citation	Description
7R , § 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curbside pickup of alcoholic beverages permitted
7W , §§ 2 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No increased experience rating based on COVID-19 unemployment claims (§ 2) • Recording liquor permits with town clerk (§ 8, was previously superseded by EO 11B)
7Z , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of requirements for security officer license
7DD , §§ 1, 2, 6 & 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions to definition of telehealth provider (§ 1) • Flexibility for Medicaid-enrolled providers and in-network providers for commercial fully insured health insurance to perform telehealth through additional methods (§ 2) • Temporary suspension of physician assistant supervision restrictions (§ 6) • Temporary suspension of in-person supervision requirement for advanced practice registered nurses (§ 7)
7EE , §§ 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory reporting by managed residential communities (§ 1) • Mandatory reporting by nursing homes (§ 2) • Civil penalties for failure to comply with mandatory reporting (§ 3) • Waiving certain Medicaid prior authorization requirements (§ 4)
7FF , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional flexibility for Medicaid-enrolled providers to perform telehealth through audio-only methods for new patients
7TT , § 2, as amended by 10D , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended prohibitions on large gatherings (EO 7TT, § 2) • Relaxation of capacity limits for religious, spiritual, or worship gatherings (EO 10D, § 1)
7CCC , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of time for fire service personnel examinations
7FFF , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifying minimum service hours for private non-medical institutions for adults
10A , § 5*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain court operations
10C , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of legislative action to expand access to telehealth services
11A , §§ 1 & 2	<p>Sector rules for businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization to issue sector rules to limit transmission of COVID-19 (§ 1) • Enforcement of Sector Rules (§ 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local health director’s and district health director’s authority to enforce Sector Rules ○ Municipal chief executive officer’s authority to enforce Sector Rules ○ Authorization to issue fines ○ Additional enforcement authority regarding violations of size and capacity restrictions • DPH commissioner measures to ensure enforcement

Table 1 (continued)

Citation	Description
11B , §§ 3-5	Liquor Permits and Sales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcoholic liquor sales by caterers for virtual or remote event (§ 3) • Liquor service in connection with indoor and outdoor dining (§ 4) • Renewals of liquor permits extended (§ 5)
11D , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modification of real property statutes to facilitate leasing, repairs, alterations, and use of real property to address the COVID-19 emergency

* Portions of this order are extended through June 30, 2021, see below ([EO 12B](#), § 9)

Extended Orders

Orders Extended Through June 1, 2021

As shown in Table 2, one order was extended through June 1 ([EO 12B](#), § 2).

Table 2: COVID-19 Orders Extended Through June 1, 2021

Citation	Description
7K , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of non-critical Workers' Compensation Commission operations and associated requirements

Orders Extended Through June 30, 2021

Table 3 lists the orders extended through June 30, 2021 ([EO 12B](#), § 3).

Table 3: COVID-19 Orders Extended Through June 30, 2021

Citation	Description
7B , §§ 1, 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of in-person open meeting requirements (§ 1) • Waiver of face-to-face interview requirements for Temporary Family Assistance (§ 5) • Flexibility to maintain adequate childcare resources (§ 6)
7I , §§ 2, 3 & 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of copayments for full-benefit dually eligible Medicare Part D beneficiaries (§ 2) • Suspension of copayments for HUSKY B clients (§ 3) • Suspension, modification, and clarification of certain municipal procedural requirements and time limitations regarding notice, commencement, and holding of public hearings, decisions, and appeals (§ 19)
7J , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of methadone to homebound patients by methadone maintenance clinics

Table 3 (continued)

Citation	Description
7L , § 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility to maintain adequate medical marijuana access for patients
7M , § 2*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspends certain deadlines for Freedom of Information Commission appeal filings and decisions.
7N , § 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of 21-month limit on Temporary Family Assistance
7O , § 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver of Birth-to-Three family cost participation fees
7Q , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote notarization: amended procedures
7T , § 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative to affidavits related to protection and relief orders
7V , §§ 3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice before licensure for certain health care profession applicants and graduates (§ 3) • Practice before licensure for marital and family therapy associates (§ 4) • Practice before licensure for professional counselor associates (§ 5)
7CC , §§ 4-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative to physical presence in court for finding of irretrievable breakdown of marriage (§ 4) • Alternative to in-person waiver of right to file motion or petition for educational support (§ 5) • Alternative to physical appearance of petitioner regarding decree of dissolution after entry of decree of legal separation (§ 6) • Alternative to in-court canvass prior to entrance of final agreement (§ 7) • Alternative to physical presence when findings on the record required (§ 8)
7DD , §§ 4 & 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in intern, resident physician, or United States medical officer candidate training programs prior to permit issuance (§ 4) • Participation in resident physician assistant program prior to permit issuance (§ 5)
7HH , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowance of remote meeting and voting procedures for common interest ownership associations
7JJ , §§ 2 & 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance learning and remote testing and certification for Department of Energy and Environmental Protection programs (§ 2) • Tolling of land use and building permits (§ 3)
7NN , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote participation in nonstock corporation member meetings
7XX , §§ 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • Suspension of the involuntary discharge of residential care home residents who may be discharged to homeless shelters, except in emergency situations (§ 4)

Table 3 (continued)

Citation	Description
7YY , §§ 2, 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuance of certain motor vehicle registrations (§ 2) • Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) authorization for online or remote training (§ 7) • Dealer issuance of permanent vessel registrations (§ 8)
7CCC , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuance of duplicate drivers' licenses and identity cards
7III , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of statutory or regulatory deadlines by DMV commissioner
9H , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote participation in municipal meetings
9K , § 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility for school nutrition programs
10 , § 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid leave requirements for staff of local and regional boards of education
10A , § 3**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of eviction moratorium
10A , § 5***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain provisions related to court operations and associated requirements
10E , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absentee voting eligibility during COVID-19 pandemic
11B , §§ 1 & 2a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of alcoholic liquor for pick-up or delivery (§ 1) • Liquor permit approval process modifications (§ 2a)

*Extended retroactively to April 19, 2021 ([EO 12B](#), § 6)

** A subsequent order will follow regarding the eviction moratorium transition after June 30, 2021 ([EO 12B](#), § 8)

*** Extension relates only to certain venue requirements and the right to a speedy trial; the remaining active portions expire on May 21, 2021 ([EO 12B](#), § 9)

Orders Extended Through July 20, 2021

Table 4 lists the executive orders extended through July 20, 2021. The table also includes (1) a newly issued order concerning Birth-to-Three services and (2) a provision extending certain agency or municipal emergency orders through July 20.

Table 4: COVID-19 Orders Extended Through July 20, 2021

Citation	Description
7E , § 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver of in-person service, hearing, and screening requirements for facilities that have issued orders limiting visitor access to protect the public health
7J , § 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of rehiring procedures and restrictions on temporary worker retirees
7K , § 5 *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary suspension of national criminal history records checks for long term care providers
7P , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization to provide for non-congregant housing for persons at risk

Table 4 (continued)

Citation	Description
7Y , §§ 3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 transfer defined and included in definition of emergency (applies to nursing home residents) (§ 3) • Notice of discharge and discharge plan not required for COVID-19 recovered discharges (§ 4) • No hearing or court order required for transfer to recovery facility of patients under conservatorship (§ 5)
7CC , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion of federal stimulus payments in evaluating eligibility for state or local programs financed in whole or in part using state funds (was previously modified by EO 10, § 1, see below)
7II , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization for DSS commissioner to temporarily waive, modify, or suspend DSS home health regulatory requirements
7KK , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacists ordering and administering Food and Drug Administration-approved tests for COVID-19
7NN , §§ 3 & 5-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver of certain regulatory limitations on the amount of support that can be provided to caregiver relatives (§ 3) • Authorization for Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to direct DSS to provide Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) distributions to nursing home facilities (§ 5) • Authorization for OPM to direct DSS to provide CRF distributions to COVID-19 recovery facilities and alternate COVID-19 recovery facilities (§ 6) • Authorization for additional COVID-19 related hardship relief funding under the CRF to nursing home facilities (§ 7) • CRF distribution determinations not subject to rehearing or appeal (§ 8)
7QQ , § 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification that commissioner orders issued pursuant to the governor's executive orders are not regulations subject to the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act
7SS , §§ 1-3**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary nurse aide defined (§ 1) • DPH commissioner to grant registration of a temporary nurse aide (§ 2) • Restrictions on temporary nurse aides (§ 3)
7AAA , § 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory COVID-19 testing for staff of private and municipal nursing home facilities, managed residential communities, and assisted living services agencies
7EEE , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization for OPM to direct DSS to provide CRF funding to additional providers
9 , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early childhood and education commissioners may issue operational rules
9Q , §§ 1 & 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration of COVID-19 vaccine by licensed pharmacists (§ 1) • Out-of-network COVID-19 immunization (§ 3)

Table 4 (continued)

Citation	Description
9S , § 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization for continued temporary suspension of the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration of out-of-state providers
10 , §§ 1 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion of individual stimulus payments from benefit eligibility calculations (§ 1, modifying EO 7CC, § 3) • Use of commuter parking facilities for COVID-19 testing and vaccination (§ 4)
11C , §§ 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • Limits on visitation with children placed in DCF care and custody (§ 2) • Limits on visitors to facilities that treat children or youth with psychiatric disabilities (§ 3) • Limits on visitors to the Southbury Training School (§ 4)
11D , §§ 2 & 3****	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modification of state contracting statutes to facilitate emergency procurement of essential goods (§ 2) • Modification of state contracting statutes to facilitate the emergency procurement of essential services (§ 3)
12A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised order for masks and face coverings (repeals EO 12)
12B , § 12****	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modification of 36-month age limit for Birth-to-Three-services
12B , § 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of agency and municipal emergency orders

* Extension does not apply to employees hired on or after May 20, 2021, or volunteers first engaged after that date ([EO 12B](#), § 5)

** Extension applies only for temporary nurse aides employed before May 19, 2021 ([EO 12B](#), § 7)

*** Modified to require that agency or department heads exercising authority under either order certify that the procurement is essential to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic ([EO 12B](#), § 10)

**** Newly issued order; repealed by [EO 12C](#), which contains similar provisions

JSH:kl