

COVID-19 Executive Orders Extended Through September 2021

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Issue

This report describes the COVID-19 executive orders (EOs) that the governor extended through September 30, 2021.

Summary

The governor declared public health and civil preparedness emergencies on March 10, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He renewed and issued new declarations on [September 1, 2020](#), [January 26, 2021](#), [April 19, 2021](#), and [May 18, 2021](#). The legislature ratified the governor's first three declarations and authorized a renewal through May 20, 2021 ([SA 21-2](#)), and subsequently July 20, 2021 ([SA 21-4](#)).

The legislature again extended the renewal authorization, through March 1, 2022, but required that any new renewals meet durational limitations and receive approval from a majority of each chamber by resolution ([SA 21-5](#)). On [July 12, 2021](#), the governor renewed the declaration through September 30, 2021, and both chambers passed resolutions approving it ([HR 202 \(2021\)](#) and [SR 52 \(2021\)](#)).

On July 19, the governor issued [EO 13](#), which extends certain orders through September 30, 2021, and allows all other COVID-19 orders to expire on July 20, 2021. Table 1 below lists the extended orders.

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*

OLR Reports [2021-R-0096](#) and [2021-R-0101](#) provide overviews of executive orders extended under the April 19 and May 18 renewals, respectively.

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>.

Extended Orders

Table 1 lists the executive orders that were extended through September 30, 2021. The governor likewise extended certain agency and municipal emergency orders through this date ([EO 13](#), § 5). All other remaining COVID-19 orders expire on July 20, 2021 ([EO 13](#), § 6).

Table 1: COVID-19 Executive Orders Extended Through September 30

Citation	Description
7P , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization to provide for non-congregant housing for persons at risk
7EEE , § 1*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization for the Office of Policy Management (OPM) to direct the Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide Coronavirus Relief Fund distributions to healthcare institutions and providers
9 , § 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early childhood and education commissioners may issue operational rules
9Q , § 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out-of-network COVID-19 immunization
10 , § 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of commuter parking facilities for COVID-19 testing and vaccination
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)

Table 1 (continued)

Citation	Description
12A ***	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised order for masks and face coverings
12D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modifies eviction procedures following the cessation of the eviction moratorium

* Amended to (1) omit references to expired [EO 7NN](#) and (2) allow OPM and DSS to adopt policies regarding the distribution of CRF funds ([EO 13](#), § 2)

** Extends the requirement in [EO 12B](#) (§ 4) that agency or department heads exercising authority under either order certify that the procurement is essential to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic ([EO 13](#), § 4)

*** Amended to clarify that any directive, rule, guidance, or order issued pursuant to the EO is not a state agency regulation ([EO 13](#), § 3)

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