

STATE OF MARYLAND



Proclamation

Renewal of Declaration of State of Emergency and
Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency — COVID-19

- WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, in an effort to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed within the entire State of Maryland, pursuant to the Maryland Constitution and Laws of Maryland, including but not limited to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article;
- WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly infectious respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death;
- WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in all Maryland counties;
- WHEREAS, since the declaration of a state of emergency and the existence of a catastrophic health emergency on March 5, 2020, there have been more than 472,000 laboratory confirmed positive COVID-19 cases and more than 9,600 related deaths in Maryland;
- WHEREAS, the proclamation declaring the emergencies was renewed on March 17, 2020, April 10, 2020, May 6, 2020, June 3, 2020, July 1, 2020, July 30, 2020, August 10, 2020, September 8, 2020, October 6, 2020, October 29, 2020, November 25, 2020, December 23, 2020, January 21, 2021, February 19, 2021, March 18, 2021, April 16, 2021, May 12, 2021, June 12, 2021, and July 12, 2021;
- WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, Executive Order 21-06-15-01, Terminating Various Emergency Orders, was issued to provide a safe and controlled end of various Emergency Orders; and
- WHEREAS, the emergency conditions, state of emergency, and catastrophic health emergency continue to exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, HEREBY DECLARE THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CONTINUES TO EXIST WITHIN THE ENTIRE STATE OF MARYLAND, RENEW THE MARCH 5, 2020, PROCLAMATION FOR A PERIOD OF 4 DAYS, UNTIL 11:59 P.M. ON AUGUST 15, 2021, AND FURTHER PROVIDE AND ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

Health care providers who act in good faith under this catastrophic health emergency proclamation, including orders issued under the proclamation by the Governor and by other State officials acting at the direction of or under delegated authority from the Governor, have the immunity provided by § 14-3A-06 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Code.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland in the City of Annapolis, this 11th day of August, 2021.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
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Governor

ATTEST:

John C. Wobensmith
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Secretary of State