

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 281

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 103, declaring the existence of a Public Health Emergency, pursuant to the Emergency Health Powers Act ("EHPA"), N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq., and a State of Emergency, pursuant to the New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act ("Disaster Control Act"), N.J.S.A. App A:9-33 et seq., in the State of New Jersey for Coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, through Executive Order Nos. 119, 138, 151, 162, 171, 180, 186, 191, 200, 210, 215, 222, 231, 235, and 240, which were issued each month between April 7, 2020 and May 14, 2021, and the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein, I declared that the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency in effect at the time continued to exist; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 111, issued March 28, 2020, requires that health care facilities report their capacity and supplies, including bed capacity ventilators, and Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE") on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 112, issued April 1, 2020, granted the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs, the authority to temporarily reactivate certain inactive health care licenses and allow the licensure of physicians licensed, and in good standing, in another country; suspended and waived certain licensure requirements for advanced practice nurses and physician assistants; relaxed registration requirements for the Prescription Monitoring Program; waived signature requirements for funeral agreements and authorizations; and provided certain healthcare professionals with civil or criminal immunity; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 207, issued December 4, 2020, required all individuals, regardless of age, to be automatically enrolled in the New Jersey Immunization Information System

("NJIIS"), the statewide electronic immunization registry, upon receipt of a COVID-19 vaccination; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey made significant progress in responding to COVID-19 and mitigating its devastating effects, in particular in light of the advent of three effective vaccines that, among other things, had significantly reduced the likelihood of both contracting and transmitting the variants of COVID-19 that were present in the United States at the time; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, in light of these developments, I signed Assembly Bill No. 5820 into law as P.L.2021, c.103, and issued Executive Order No. 244, which terminated the Public Health Emergency declared in Executive Order No. 103 (2020); and

WHEREAS, P.L.2021, c.103 sought to enable the State to bring an end to its prior Public Health Emergency while still allowing for an orderly continuation of the Administration's ability to order certain public health measures relating to COVID-19, including but not limited to vaccine distribution, administration, and management, COVID-19 testing, health resource and personnel allocation, data collection, and implementation of recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") to prevent or limit the transmission of COVID-19, including in specific settings; and

WHEREAS, P.L.2021, c.103 explicitly maintained the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order No. 103 (2020), and stated it would in no way diminish, limit, or impair the powers of the Governor to respond to any of the threats presented by COVID-19 pursuant to the Disaster Control Act; and

WHEREAS, in addition to leaving the prior State of Emergency in effect, nothing in P.L.2021, c.103 prevented the Governor from declaring any new public health emergency under the EHPA, N.J.S.A.

26:13-1 et seq., should the evolving circumstances on the ground require such a declaration; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 251, issued August 6, 2021, requires all public, private, and parochial preschool programs and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools (collectively "school districts"), to maintain a policy regarding mandatory use of face masks by staff, students, and visitors in the indoor portion of the school district premises, except in certain specified circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 252, issued August 6, 2021, requires all covered health care and high-risk congregate settings to maintain a policy that requires all covered workers to either provide adequate proof to the health care and high-risk congregate settings that they have been fully vaccinated or submit to COVID-19 testing at minimum one to two times weekly beginning September 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 253, issued August 23, 2021, requires school districts to maintain a policy that requires all covered workers to either provide adequate proof to the school district that they have been fully vaccinated or submit to COVID-19 testing at minimum one to two times weekly beginning October 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 264, issued September 20, 2021, requires all child care centers and other child care facilities (collectively "child care settings") to maintain a policy regarding mandatory use of face masks by staff, child enrollees, and visitors in the indoor portion of the child care setting premises, except in certain specified circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 264 (2021) further required all child care settings to maintain a policy that required all covered workers to either provide adequate proof to the child care setting

that they have been fully vaccinated or submit to COVID-19 testing at minimum one to two times weekly beginning November 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 271, issued October 20, 2021, requires that each executive department and agency, including an independent authority, ensure that certain new contracts, new solicitation for a contract, extension or renewal of existing contracts, and exercise of an option on existing contracts, include a clause that the contractor or any subcontractors, at any tier, that is party to the contract, must maintain a policy that requires all covered workers to either provide adequate proof to the covered contractor that they have been fully vaccinated or submit to COVID-19 testing at minimum one to two times weekly; and

WHEREAS, as the CDC has recognized, viruses can change through mutation and mutations can result in a new variant of the virus, and these variants can have meaningfully distinct impacts from the original virus; and

WHEREAS, as the CDC has recognized, some variants spread more easily and quickly than other variants of the same virus, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19, increased strain on healthcare resources, more hospitalizations, and more deaths; and

WHEREAS, new variants are classified based on how easily the variant spreads, how severe its symptoms are, how it responds to treatments, and how well vaccines protect against the variant; and

WHEREAS, since Executive Order No. 244 (2021) took effect, the CDC has reported that new variants of concern of COVID-19 have been identified in the United States, particularly the B.1.617.2 ("Delta") variant and most recently the B1.1.529 ("Omicron") variant; and

WHEREAS, although New Jersey was able to end the prior Public Health Emergency on account of the effectiveness of vaccines in reducing transmissibility of COVID-19, the Omicron variant appears

to spread more easily than other variants, including Delta; early evidence suggests people who have received a primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine but have not yet received the recommended booster shot are more likely to become infected with this variant than prior variants and to be able to spread the virus to others; and some monoclonal antibody treatments may not be as effective against infection with the Omicron variant; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2022, I issued Executive Order No. 280, declaring the existence of a new Public Health Emergency, pursuant to the EHPA, N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq., in the State of New Jersey due to the surge of cases and hospitalizations tied to the new variants of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, because vaccines are effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death, including from the Omicron variant, the CDC has noted that the recent emergence of this variant emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, studies show after getting the primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine, protection against the virus and the ability to prevent infection may decrease over time, in particularly due to changes in variants; and

WHEREAS, although the COVID-19 vaccines remain effective in preventing severe disease, recent data suggests their effectiveness at preventing infection or severe illness wanes over time; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has reported that vaccinated people who receive a COVID-19 booster are likely to have stronger protection against contracting and transmitting COVID-19, particularly the Omicron variant, and stronger protection against serious illness, including hospitalizations and death; and

WHEREAS, after the first confirmed case of the Omicron variant was identified in New Jersey on December 3, 2021, COVID-19 cases started to significantly and rapidly increase again; and

WHEREAS, for the first time since April 2020, the COVID-19 Activity Level reached the "Very High" score throughout the entire State the week of January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, as of January 10, 2022, due to the increased prevalence of the Omicron variant, there were 6,075 adult and 86 pediatric hospitalizations related to COVID-19, and within the last week there were over 229,000 new cases, by far the highest number of new cases ever and the highest number of hospitalizations since the start of the pandemic, with 419 new confirmed deaths reported within the last week; and

WHEREAS, as these numbers demonstrate, the spread of the Omicron variant has led to the highest number of cases in New Jersey ever, and has also led to a drastic increase in hospitalizations, increased risk to health and safety of health care workers, and staffing shortages; and

WHEREAS, the increased potential for such a large number of hospitalizations raises serious concerns about the public health and about the capacity of the State's hospitals and health care systems to meet the health needs of residents, even in the face of the State's preparedness and response efforts since March 2020; and

WHEREAS, health care workers must have the staffing and resources that are essential to maintaining the operations of the State's essential health care services to protect public health during the Omicron variant surge, which include but are not limited to critical and emergency health care, vaccination administration, COVID-19 testing, and contact tracing; and

WHEREAS, it remains crucial that the State understand the health care system's existing capacity and its gaps through continued reporting, which will allow additional resources to be deployed where they are most needed as the State responds to the surge in cases and increased hospitalizations related to the Omicron variant; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 has greatly strained the resources and capabilities of county and municipal governments, including public health agencies, that provide essential services for containing and mitigating the spread of contagious diseases, such as resources for vaccination administration, COVID-19 testing, and contact tracing, and the situation is too large in scope to be handled entirely by the normal county and municipal operating services; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has advised that expedient and additional public health action is necessary to prevent severe impacts on the health of individuals and the health care system due to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has confirmed that the rapid increase of infections is due to the increased transmissibility of the Omicron variant and its increased ability to evade immunity conferred by past infection or vaccination; and

WHEREAS, continued automatic enrollment in the NJIIS for individuals receiving a COVID-19 vaccine will facilitate and track progress relative to New Jersey's vaccination targets; and

WHEREAS, the State has thus far administered approximately 13.1 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, with over 7.4 million New Jerseyans having received at least one dose of a vaccine and over 6.4 million having received the primary series of a vaccine; and

WHEREAS, there is no concrete timeline for authorization for use of currently available COVID-19 vaccinations for children under the age of 5; and

WHEREAS, according to data estimates, only 29.5 percent of 5-11 year-olds, 63.1 percent of 12-15 year-olds, and 75.1 percent of 16-17 year-olds in New Jersey have received their primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, as of January 10, 2022, only 46.3 percent of eligible individuals statewide have received their booster shot, with only 7.5 percent of persons 12-17 years old and eligible to be boosted having received their booster shot; and

WHEREAS, while over 74 percent of people in the State have received the primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine, the booster rates remain significantly lower and additional steps are necessary to ensure continued vaccinations, especially boosters, of individuals to protect against spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in addition to vaccination, testing for COVID-19 remains one of the strongest tools to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, particularly the Omicron variant; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that all individuals should seek testing when they are ill and isolate if they experience COVID-19 symptoms or receive a positive result; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 1,000 testing sites available to residents of the state and since mid-December 2021, the Department of Health ("DOH") has supported approximately 100 additional testing sites while also supporting local and county governments in expanding free testing for residents; and

WHEREAS, hospitals across the State report having experienced an increase of individuals seeking testing through their emergency departments and they continue to ask members of the public to only seek urgent medical treatment from hospitals to help preserve

critical staff and resources, especially as hospitals are approaching maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS, despite the increased testing capacity, the demand for testing in light of the increase in cases caused by the Omicron variant spread continues to exceed the supply of COVID-19 tests and there are delays in processing times for test results at clinical laboratories due to the increase in volume of tests and staffing shortages; and

WHEREAS, the State must have the resources necessary to protect the public health through vaccination efforts, masking, testing, treatment, and isolation and quarantine, monitoring hospital admissions and ICU capacity, tracking activity of the virus in the community, and acquiring and maintaining stockpiles of PPE, ventilators, and other critical supplies to remain prepared for the ongoing surge; and

WHEREAS, while our vaccination and testing efforts continue to progress, an effective mass vaccination and booster program and an adequate response to the continued public health threats imposed by COVID-19, and particularly the Omicron variant, require that my Administration retain all of the flexibility and resources that a public health emergency provides; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics ("AAP") has emphasized that in-person learning is critical for educational and social development of children, as evidence demonstrates that remote learning has been detrimental to the educational attainment of students of all ages and has exacerbated the mental health crisis among children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has also cited evidence that suggests virtual learning can lead to learning loss for children and worsening mental health problems for the younger population; and

WHEREAS, child care centers provide critical support to tens of thousands of families across the State who rely on safe, in-person environments for their children during the work day; and

WHEREAS, given the evidence regarding high transmission of the Omicron variant, the CDC continues to recommend universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, child enrollees, and visitors in K-12 schools and child care settings over the age of 2 regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, the CDC continues to emphasize that children should continue full-time, in-person learning with layered prevention strategies in place, including masking in indoor settings; and

WHEREAS, the AAP similarly recommends universal masking in schools and child care settings because a significant portion of the student population has not yet received the vaccine, including individuals under the age of 5 who are not yet eligible to even receive a vaccine; and

WHEREAS, both the CDC and AAP recognize that masking is a critical tool to reduce transmission of the virus and protect unvaccinated individuals; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the DOH, I have determined that it is necessary to continue to enforce a uniform masking policy in schools and child care settings for teachers, staff, students, child enrollees, and visitors over the age of 2 while vaccination rates are low among a significant portion of the student population and not yet available to a significant portion of the child enrollee population; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2021, the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel issued an opinion concluding that Section 564 of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3 does not prohibit public or private entities from imposing vaccination

requirements while vaccinations are only available pursuant to Emergency Use Authorization; and

WHEREAS, requiring workers in schools and child care settings to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or undergo regular testing can help prevent outbreaks and reduce transmission to children, including those who have not received, or are not yet eligible to receive, a vaccination; and

WHEREAS, preventing transmission of COVID-19 is critical to keeping schools and child care settings open for in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, school districts have access to multiple sources of funding to address costs associated with worker vaccination efforts and testing, including three rounds of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds and Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools within the Governor's Emergency Education Relief funds; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has repeatedly emphasized the importance of heightened mitigation protocols in certain congregate and health care settings because of the significant risk of spread and vulnerability of the populations served; and

WHEREAS, requiring workers in those congregate and health care settings to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or undergo regular testing can help prevent outbreaks and reduce transmission to vulnerable individuals who may be at higher risk of severe disease; and

WHEREAS, parties that contract with the State government provide essential services to the public and interact with the public on a regular basis, and because of the nature of their work, a significant portion of their workers are not able to work remotely; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the safety of the government workforce during this overall escalation in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths resulting from the Omicron variant is essential for continued operation and service to the public, and it is fitting and proper to require additional protections to the State workforce and public by continuing to require contractors to provide their vaccination or testing status as a condition of entry onto State property and into State facilities, including property and facilities leased by a contractor; and

WHEREAS, this ensures that contractors are held to the same requirements as the State workforce, which the Executive Branch in its capacity as an employer has required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or undergo regular testing; and

WHEREAS, the State will continue to work closely with school districts and child care settings to successfully implement the requirements of this Order; and

WHEREAS, as we evaluate the appropriate response and resources needed to combat the surge in cases and increase in hospitalizations due to the Omicron variant, I have consulted with the Executive Branch departments and agencies as to what administrative orders, directives, and waivers are necessary to continue; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. App. A: 9-33 et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:24 and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers, which I have invoked;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. Executive Order Nos. 111, 112, and 207 (2020) shall be reinstated and remain in full force and effect, except that any civil or criminal immunity related to the COVID-19 response bestowed by Executive Order No. 112 (2020) shall not be reinstated.

2. Executive Order Nos. 251, 252, 253, 264, and 271 (2021) shall remain in full force and effect.

3. The administrative orders, directives, and waivers issued by any Executive Branch departments and agencies in whole or in part based on the authority under the EHPA to respond to the previously declared Public Health Emergency presented by the COVID-19 outbreak that are provided in the Appendix to this Order shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise modified or revoked by the Executive Branch department or agency.

4. For purposes of this Order, "Executive Branch departments and agencies" shall mean any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of State government and any agency, authority, board, bureau, commission, division, institution, office, or other instrumentality within or created by any such department, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality, or agency over which the Governor exercises executive authority, as determined by the Attorney General.

5. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee, or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of

any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully in all matters concerning this Order, and to cooperate fully with any Administrative Orders issued pursuant to this Order.

6. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will or might in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.

7. Penalties for violations of this Order may be imposed under, among other statutes, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-49 and -50.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until revoked or modified by the Governor.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
11th day of January,
Two Thousand and Twenty-two,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor

Banking and Insurance	Regulatory Procedures	Bulletin No. 20-08 Temporary Rule Suspension and Modification Concerning the Temporary External Appeal Procedures for the Independent Health Care Appeals Program.	N.J.A.C. 11:24-8.7(b); N.J.A.C. 11:24A-3.6(b); N.J.A.C. 11:24-8.7(c); and N.J.A.C. 11:24A-3.6(c).	Addresses procedures related to external appeal applications for the Independent Health Care Appeals Program. The purpose of the appeals program is to provide an independent medical necessity or appropriateness of services review of final decisions by carriers to deny, reduce or terminate benefits in the event the final decision is contested by the covered person or any health care provider acting on behalf of the covered person but only with the covered person's consent. This bulletin modifies the procedural regulatory requirement that an appeal of a final internal adverse benefit determination must be submitted to the Department by mail or fax. The Department is now temporarily requiring that external appeals be submitted to the Department by email. The bulletin also suspends the required \$25 filing fee for appeals filed through email.
Banking and Insurance	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Bulletin No. 20-09 Temporary Rule Suspension Concerning Real Estate Prelicensure Courses	N.J.A.C. 11:5-2.2(f); N.J.A.C. 11:5-3.6(c); and N.J.A.C. 11:5-3.8(e).	Real estate prelicensure courses may be taught in an on-line format, such as in a webinar, a virtual classroom, or by video conferencing; notice to the Department should be provided if real estate offices do not remain open or if offices modify business hours; and contact information for Real Estate Commission staff is provided.
Banking and Insurance	Data Reporting	Order No. 20-22 Concerning Insurance Premium Refunds, Credits, and Reductions		Orders insurers to make an initial premium refund or other adjustment to all adversely-impacted New Jersey policyholders, for each month that the public health emergency is in effect, in the following lines of insurance, as quickly as practicable, but in any event no later than June 15, 2020: Private passenger automobile insurance; Commercial automobile insurance; Workers' compensation insurance; Commercial multiple-peril insurance; Commercial liability insurance; Medical malpractice insurance; and Any other line of coverage where the measures of risk have become substantially overstated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Insurers may comply with the mandated premium refund to policyholders by providing a premium credit, reduction, return of premium, dividend, or other appropriate premium adjustment. The Order requires specified insurers to provide data regarding claim activity and premium collection activity during relevant time periods (i.e, the pandemic period; the period immediately-prior to the pandemic period in 2020; and similar time periods in 2019). Claim data includes measures of claim frequency and claim severity. Premium collection activity includes measures of premium billed or due and actual premiums collected. These data reports were required to be provided bi-weekly through October 2020. In addition, insurers are required to provide a report regarding the actions they have taken or plan to take consistent with Bulletin No. 20-22 through October 2020.

Banking and Insurance	Testing	Bulletin 20-24 Directive Concerning Health Entities Response to COVID-19		In order to continue to ensure that cost-sharing is not a barrier to consumers receiving screening and testing for COVID-19 as testing procedures expand and develop throughout New Jersey, and consistent with federal guidance implementing the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, the Department expanded the requirements in Bulletin 20-03 to require carriers to cover, without cost-sharing, without prior authorization or other medical management requirements, any SARS-COV-2 molecular test authorized pursuant to the DOH standing order. This requirement includes such testing, regardless of site as authorized by the May 12, 2020 DOH Standing Order, described below, including tests administered at any in or out-of-network community-based, county testing, or private testing site, (including, but not limited to, in and out-of-network hospitals, provider offices, urgent care centers, and pharmacies), and includes items and services furnished to an individual during such visits that result in an order for or administration of a SARS-COV-2 molecular test.
Banking and Insurance	Insurance Coverage	Bulletin 21-01 Directive Concerning Coverage for COVID-19 Immunizations		Provides guidance to all health insurance companies, health maintenance organizations, health service corporations and other entities issuing health benefits plans that there should not be any cost sharing, including but not limited to copays, coinsurance and deductibles for qualifying coronavirus preventive services (including immunizations) delivered by any in-network or out-of-network health care providers.
Children and Families	Electronic Procedures, Inspections, or Evaluations	Temporary Rule Suspension and Modification Concerning Child Protection Visitation and Case Plans	N.J.A.C. 3A:12-1.1, -1.8, -2.1, and -2.6-2.11, 3A:15-1.1	Suspending the signature requirement for case plans and allowing caseworker visits with clients to occur by video or telephone.
Children and Families	Electronic Procedures, Inspections, or Evaluations	Temporary Rule Modification related to the Address Confidentiality Program	N.J.A.C. 3A:71-3.1	Allows for verbal agreement of the applicant as documented by the agency representative completing the application in place of applicant signature.
Civil Service Commission	COVID Leave	Temporary Rule Relaxation and Modification of the Regulatory Provisions Concerning Sick Leave	N.J.A.C. 4A:6-1.3	The temporary rule authorizes a limited form of COVID-19 Sick Leave and COVID-19 Family Leave that exists separately and in addition to the current sick leave entitlement.
Civil Service Commission	Telework	Temporary Rule Relaxation and Modification of the Regulatory Provisions Concerning Flextime Programs	N.J.A.C. 4A:6-2.6	The temporary rule authorizes a limited form of telework.
Community Affairs	Telework	Temporary Rule Concerning Remote Public Meetings	N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.1	Allows a local public body to conduct remote public meetings during a declared emergency.
Economic Development Authority	Telework	Temporary Rule Waivers April 14, 2020		Concerning Full-Time Employee Definition
Education	Special Education	Temporary Rule Modification	N.J.A.C. 6A:14	Permitting school districts or other educational agencies to deliver related services to students with disabilities through the use of telehealth and telemedicine, electronic communications, virtual, remote or other online platforms.
Environmental Protection	Medical Waste	Temporary Rule Modification Concerning Regulated Medical Waste	N.J.A.C. 7:26-3A.1	Exempts generators of regulated medical waste that is related to COVID-19 (e.g. waste from non-traditional vaccination sites) from DEP's registration process.
Environmental Protection	Regulatory Procedures	Temporary Rule Modification Human Crematory Operation	N.J.A.C. 7:27-11	Waiver of any permitted daily hourly operating limits for human crematories as necessary to satisfy increased service needs.
Health	Resumption of Services at Health Care Facilities	Executive Directive 22-001 January 10, 2022		COVID-19 Related Health and Safety Requirements for the Reopening of New Jersey Pediatric Medical Day Care Facilities.

Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Modification April 15, 2020		Temporary Waiver of Examination Deadline for Certified Medication Aides
Health	Opioid Treatment Programs	Temporary Rule Waiver/Modification Concerning Eligibility for Take-Home Medication May 8, 2020	N.J.A.C. 10:161B-11.10	Permitting Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) facilities to provide medication to clients at locations other than the location listed on their OTP facility license, in accordance with guidance issued by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA078) on April 7, 2020.
Health	Elective and Invasive Procedures	Temporary Rule Waiver/Modification Concerning Utilization Criteria for Invasive Cardiac Diagnostic Facilities and Cardiac Surgical Centers March 4, 2021	N.J.A.C. 8:33E-1.4 and -2.3	Waiving minimum volume requirements for existing invasive cardiac diagnostic facilities, cardiac surgical centers, and physicians practicing at these centers and facilities.
Health	Infection Prevention and Control	Health Facilities Waiver Concerning Infection Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in Assisted Living Residence April 4, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:36	Requiring infection prevention and control measures be implemented by assisted living residences.
Health	Outbreak Notifications	Health Facilities Waiver Concerning Notification of a Contagious Disease Outbreak April 4, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:36, 37, 39, and 42	Requiring notification of residents, residents' families, visitors, and staff in the event of a contagious disease outbreak in a facility.
Health	Visitation, Admission, Support Person Protocols	Executive Directive No. 21-012 November 24, 2021	N.J.A.C. 8:36, 37, 39, and 43	Resumption of Services in all Long-Term Care Facilities
Health	Telehealth	Waiver Concerning Telehealth April 17, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:36, 37, 39, and 43D	Waiving requirements for on-site examinations or in-office visits and permitting telemedicine for residents of health care facilities under certain conditions.
Health	Capacity and Staffing	Health Facilities Waiver For Licensed Inpatient Facilities March 13, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:36, 39, 43G, and 43H	Temporary operational waivers for the following requirements: exceeding licensed bed capacity; bed additions requiring prior Certificate of Need approval; physical space requirements; or staff qualifications requirements.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver/Modification Concerning Certification for Certified Medication Aides January 12, 2021	N.J.A.C. 8:36-9.2	Extending the expiration date and recertification requirements for Certified Medication Aides.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver/Modification Concerning Certification for Certified Medication Aides January 12, 2021	N.J.A.C. 8:39-43	Extending the expiration date of certifications issued to Certified Nurses Aides and Certified Nurses Aide candidates.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver/Modification Concerning Nurse Aide Competency April 15, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.1	Temporarily permitting personal care assistants and certified medical assistants to function in the role of a certified nurse aide in licensed long-term care facilities within New Jersey under certain conditions.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Blanket Waiver for Home Health Agency Licensing Standards April 24, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:42	Waiving any provisions that are more stringent than the requirements relaxed or modified in waivers and guidance issued by CMS on or after March 23, 2020.
Health	Home Health/Hospice	Health Facilities Waiver for Home Health Agencies and Hospice Facilities March 13, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:42 and 42C	Temporary operational waivers for the following services: providing home health services to patients outside of the approved license/CN geography; or providing hospice services to patients outside the hospice service area.

Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Blanket Waiver for Hospice Licensing Standards April 23, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:42C	Waiving any provisions that are more stringent than the requirements relaxed or modified in waivers and guidance issued by CMS on or after March 23, 2020.
Health	Capacity and Staffing	Health Facilities Waiver for Ambulatory Care, Adult, and Pediatric Care Facilities March 13, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:434A, 43F, and 43J	Temporary operational waivers for the following requirements: physical space or staff qualifications.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Waiver Concerning Advance Practice Nurses and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists April 17, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:43A-12.5(a)2i, 3i, and (d)2i and 43G-2.8(a)	Waiving joint protocol and supervision requirements for Advance Practice Nurses and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.
Health	Mobile Ambulatory Care	Temporary Rule Waiver/Modification Concerning Mobile Vans December 10, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:43A-23.3	Ambulatory care mobile van operations can add additional service locations without first obtaining Department approval, will not be required to adhere to their Department authorized service schedule for their currently authorized mobile vans or submit a service schedule to the Department prior to deploying a mobile van to a specific location.
Health	Staffing	Temporary Rule Modification and Suspension Concerning Dialysis Staffing April 17, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:43A-24.7(c) and (d)	Relaxes the staff-to-patient ratio requirements and requires outpatient dialysis providers to instead adhere to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rules with regards to staffing.
Health	Capacity and Staffing	Temporary Waivers Concerning Hospitals April 7, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:43G-11, -11A, -17.1, and -20	Issuing the following waivers for hospitals: nurse staffing levels; pre-employment requirements; discharge planning requirements; and caregivers.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Health Facilities Waiver Concerning Acute Care Hospitals Credentials March 26, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:43G-16.1(b)-(e)	Permitting acute care hospitals to substitute the credentialing standards of the hospital's accrediting body instead of the credentialing requirements at N.J.A.C. 8:43G-16.1(b)-(e).
Health	Respiratory Equipment	Temporary Rule Waiver/Modification Concerning Respiratory Care Supplies and Equipment May 8, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:43G-31.11	Waiving certain criteria for the maintenance of respiratory care equipment, which includes ventilators, in hospitals.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver/Modification Concerning Nurse Aides Licensing December 10, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:43I-2.9(c)	Extending the expiration date of criminal background clearance notifications issued to Certified Nurses Aides and Certified Nurses Aide candidates.
Health	Testing	Temporary Rule Waiver/Modification Concerning Collection Stations and Patient Service Centers June 5, 2020	N.J.A.C. 8:44-2.14 and 45-1.3	Allowing New Jersey licensed clinical laboratories may open affiliated collection stations to collect specimens for COVID-19 testing without completing the collection station licensing process or payin the required fee.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver, Modification, and Suspension Concerning Continuing Education October 4, 2021	N.J.A.C. 8:7-1.11, -1.12, -1.13, and -1.17	Waiving the continuing education requirements for licensed active health officers and registered environmental health specialist if they satisfy all other licensure requirements.
Health	Testing	Executive Directive 20-003 March 19, 2020		Authorization for Members of the Healthcare Provider Community to Conduct COVID-19 Testing through Swabbing.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Executive Directive 20-004 March 27, 2020		Authorization for Long-Term Care Facilities to Hire Out-of-State Certified Nurse Aides.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Executive Directive 20-005 March 31, 2020		Authorization for Assisted Living Facilities, Assisted Living Programs and Comprehensive Personal Care Homes to Hire Out-of-State Certified Nurse Aides.

Health	Resource Allocation	Executive Directive 20-006 Revised December 16, 2020		Implementation of Allocation Policies.
Health	Resource Allocation	Allocation Policy		Policy setting forth Allocation of Critical Care Resources During a Public Health Emergency
Health	Capacity	Executive Directive 20-007 April 11, 2020		Authorization for New Jersey's Level I Trauma Centers to Coordinate Regional Efforts Related to COVID-19 Surge Planning & Expanding Hospital Bed Capacity.
Health	Respiratory Equipment	Executive Directive 20-008 April 14, 2020		Authorization for Health Care Facilities to Add Ventilator Beds.
Health	Health Provider Registry	Executive Directive 20-011 April 28, 2020		Establishment of the Emergency Health Care Provider Registry.
Health	Testing	Executive Directive 20-012 May 12, 2020		Issuance of Standing Order for COVID-19 Testing.
Health	Testing	Standing Order for COVID-19 Testing Control No. 2020-01 May 12, 2020		Provides for a standing order allowing individuals to undergo testing for SARS-COV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, without a prescription, subject to the terms of such standing order.
Health	Elective and Invasive Procedures	Executive Directive 20-016 Revised June 16, 2021		COVID-19 Protocols for Ambulatory Surgery Centers Resuming Elective Surgery and Invasive Diagnostic Procedures.
Health	Elective and Invasive Procedures	Executive Directive 20-018 Revised June 16, 2021		COVID-19 Protocols for Hospitals Resuming Elective Surgery and Invasive Diagnostic Procedures.
Health	Visitation, Admission, Support Person Protocols	Executive Directive 20-020 Revised October 21, 2020		Support Persons in Labor and Delivery Settings.
Health	PPE	Executive Directive 20-027 August 24, 2020		Hospital Personal Protective Equipment Stockpiles
Health	Testing	Executive Directive 20-033 November 30, 2020		Point of Care Testing at Long-Term Care Facilities
Health	Testing	Executive Directive 20-034 December 2, 2020		Standing Order for Testing at Long-Term Care Facilities
Health	Testing	Standing Order for COVID-19 Testing as to Long-Term Care Facilities Control No. 2020-02		Authorizes residents, staff, and visitors of a nursing home, assisted living residence, dementia care home, comprehensive personal care home, and residential health care facility licensed pursuant to P.L. 1971, c. 136 (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.); and state Developmental Centers as listed in N.J.S.A. 30:1-7 (collectively, "covered facilities") to undergo testing for SARS-COV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, without a prescription, subject to the terms of the standing order.
Health	Vaccinations	Executive Directive 20-035 Revised December 15, 2020		New Jersey Vaccine Education and Prioritization Plan Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:13-23; New Jersey Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan v.2
Health	Vaccinations	Executive Directive 20-037 Revised June 16, 2021		Authorization for Members of the Healthcare Provider Community to Conduct COVID-19 Vaccination Administration.
Health	Vaccinations	Executive Directive 21-002 April 14, 2021		Authorization for General Hospitals and Ambulatory Care Facilities Licensed for Primary Care to Conduct COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Outside of the Licensed Site.
Health	Restrictions	Executive Directive 21-005 May 28, 2021		Rescinding Executive Directives and Lifting Certain COVID-19 Restrictions; Updated Guidance for: Indoor Dining; Pools and Aquatic Facilities; High Touch Amusements; Body Art and Tanning Facilities; Gyms and Fitness Centers.
Health	Visitation, Admission, Support Person Protocols	Executive Directive 21-006 June 15, 2021		Expansion of Attendance at Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly.
Health	Resumption of Services at Health Care Facilities	Executive Directive 21-007 Revised June 14, 2021		COVID-19 Related Health and Safety Requirements for the Reopening of New Jersey Adult Day Health Services Facilities.
Health	Data Reporting	Executive Directive 21-009 July 26, 2021		Expanded Access to COVID-19 NJIIS Reports for LINC'S Agencies and Local Health Departments.

Health	Visitation, Admission, Support Person Protocols	Emergency Conditional Curtailment of Admissions Order April 13, 2020		Ordering the immediate curtailment admissions for any health care facility unable to effectively cohort its residents in accordance with the minimum requirements set forth therein.
Health	Visitation, Admission, Support Person Protocols	Memorandum Regarding Support Person(s) for a Patient with a Disability May 12, 2020		Requiring hospitals to allow a designated support person to be with the disabled patient, in both the emergency room and during hospitalization, regardless of the reason for the hospitalization, for patients for whom a support person has been determined to be medically necessary.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Memorandum Regarding Temporary Feeding Assistant Training May 21, 2020		Recognizing a one-hour online training course developed by the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living for temporary feeding assistants to meet the training requirements.
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	EMS Waiver		BLS Crewmember Requirements
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	EMS Waiver		MICU Crewmember Requirements
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	EMS Waiver		SCTU Crewmember Requirements
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	EMS Waiver		ALS Triage to Home
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	EMS Waiver		BLS Triage to Home
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	EMS Waiver		Expired EMT Re-Entry
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	EMS Waiver		Expired Paramedic Re-Entry
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	EMS Waiver		Recertification of Inactive Paramedics
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	EMS Waiver		EMT Reciprocity
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	EMS Waiver		MAV and BLS Ambulance Service PPE Requirements
Health	Mitigation Protocols	Executive Directive 21-003 April 28, 2021		Youth Camp Requirements
Health	Mitigation Protocols	Guidance June 9, 2021		Youth Summer Camp Guidance
Health	Mitigation Protocols	Executive Directive 21-004 May 26, 2021		Child Care Standards
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Nurse Aide Certification April 29, 2020		Temporary Waiver of Requirements for Nurse Aid Certification
Health	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Executive Directive 20-002 March 17, 2020		Authorization for Paramedics to Work in Hospital Setting
Health		Executive Directive 20-009 April 16, 2020		Allows one paramedic to report to scene to assist with a death pronouncement
Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency	Counseling Services	Resolution		Expansion of the Foreclosure Mediation Assistance Program.
Human Services	Telehealth	Temporary Rule Modification and Guidance Concerning Telehealth for Various Services	N.J.A.C. 10:37A; 10:37B; 10:37E; 10:37F; 10:37J; 10:161A; 10:161B	Allows the use of telehealth for various services
Human Services	Regulatory Procedures	Temporary Rule Modification	N.J.A.C. 10:162-1.1 et seq	Waiver of certain Intoxicated Driver Program rules to provide scheduling flexibility and online classes.

Human Services	Electronic Procedures, Inspections, or Evaluations	Temporary Rule Modification	N.J.A.C. 10:167A-1.27(j)(4) and 167C-1.25(j)(3)	Waiver of regulations requiring in-person signatures to obtain prescription drugs.
Human Services	Testing	Temporary Rule Modification	N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.1, 51-1.12, 54-4.2, 58A-1.6, and 66-1.7	Waiver of co-payments for COVID testing, testing visits, and testing-related services.
Human Services	Regulatory Flexibility	Temporary Rule Modification	N.J.A.C. 10:51-1.15, -1.16, -1.19, 1.25, -2.1, 167A-1.20, and 167C-1.18	Waiver allowing early prescription refills and dispensing of 90-day supply of drugs.
Human Services	Regulatory Flexibility	Temporary Rule Modification	N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1 et seq	Waiver of certain Emergency Assistance rules; 6-month penalty for causing your own homelessness; termination of EA after 12 months; EA service plan requirements.
Human Services	Deadlines Extensions	Temporary Rule Modification	N.J.A.C. 10:15-4.2 and -6.6	Waiver extending time period by which recipients of child care need to recertify their eligibility.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2020-04 DCA-W-2020-07		Mortuary Science - Temporary modification permits interns registered with the State Board of Mortuary Science who are engaged in learning the practice of mortuary science under the supervision of a licensed practitioner to be present at the time of disposition in lieu of a licensed practitioner.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2021-10 DCA-W-2021-06		Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling – Allows the Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling to issue temporary permits to applicants for licensure as teachers and waives the temporary permit fee. Applicants who have taken and failed the practical examination are not eligible for a temporary permit.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2020-14 DCA-W-2020-13		Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists Temporary Licensees, Occupational Therapy Assistants, and Physical Therapist Assistants - Waives on site direct, face-to-face evaluations of audiologist and/or speech-language pathologist temporary licensees, on location face-to-face contact with and observation of occupational therapy assistants, and on-site supervision of physical therapist assistants. Supervision may instead be provided via electronic means.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Vaccinations	Administrative Order DCA-AO-2021-01	N.J.A.C. 13:39-4.21	Facilitates administration of COVID vaccines. Board of Pharmacy - Permits licensed pharmacists to order and administer, and registered pharmacy interns and pharmacy externs to administer, FDA approved COVID vaccines to patients three years of age or older.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Vaccinations	Administrative Order DCA-AO-2021-02	N.J.A.C. 13:39-4.21	Facilitates administration of COVID vaccines. Board of Pharmacy - Permits pharmacy technicians to administer childhood vaccines and related emergency medications, limited to diphenhydramine and epinephrine, to children three through seventeen years of age, and FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines to patients ages three and older. Pharmacy technicians must be under the direct supervision of a supervising pharmacist authorized to administer vaccines pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:39-4.21.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Vaccinations	Administrative Order DCA-AO-2021-03	N.J.A.C. 13:39-4.21	Facilitates administration of vaccines. Board of Pharmacy - Permits licensed pharmacists, registered pharmacy interns, and pharmacy externs to administer vaccines and related emergency medications, limited to diphenhydramine and epinephrine, to children three through seventeen years of age pursuant to requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:39-4.21.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Data Reporting	Administrative Order DCA-AO-2021-04		Facilitates reporting to NJIIS. Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Nursing, Midwifery Liaison Committee, Board of Pharmacy, and Physician Assistant Advisory Committee - Requires licensed health care providers who are authorized to administer vaccines to register and report to the NJIIS when administering a vaccine for COVID-19.

Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Vaccinations	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2021-06 DCA-W-2021-02		Facilitates administration of COVID vaccines. COVID Immunization - Permits certified medical assistants to administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a patient under supervision by a health care practitioner.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Vaccinations	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2021-12 DCA-W-2021-07		Facilitates administration of COVID vaccines. COVID Immunization - Expands the group of "health care practitioners-in-training" who are authorized to administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a patient to include students matriculated or actively enrolled a school or training program for pharmacy, pharmacy intern, midwife, respiratory therapy, dental, podiatry, optometry, or veterinary students.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Vaccinations	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2021-14 DCA-W-2021-08		Facilitates administration of COVID vaccines. COVID Immunization - Expands the health care workforce available to administer COVID-19 vaccines. Midwives, veterinarians, reactivated retirees, and out-of-state licensees who practiced within the last five years are permitted to administer COVID-19 vaccines upon direction from a doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.), registered nurse, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or pharmacist.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020		Waive criminal background check as a pre-requisite of obtaining a health care practitioner certification or licensure.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waivers March 19, 2020 Board of Medical Examiners		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Polysomnography		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waivers March 19, 2020 Board of Nursing		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Dentistry		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Medical Examiners, Electrologists Advisory Committee		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.

Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Professional Counselor Committee		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Pharmacy		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Medical Examiners, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Respiratory Care		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Social Work Examiners		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Certified Psychoanalysts Advisory Committee		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Waiver March 19, 2020 Board of Psychological Examiners		Authorizes individuals licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license. Allow health care providers licensed in other states to obtain New Jersey temporary licensure and provide services to New Jersey patients either through telemedicine or in-person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Telehealth	Waiver DCA-W-2020-06		Waived provisions which protect patients (requiring licensee to review records before providing services and to use video components), provisions are not overly burdensome. Telehealth - Temporary waiver of telemedicine rules to allow healthcare practitioners to more easily provide care via telemedicine.

Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Administrative Order DCA-AO-2020-02	<p>Authorizes individuals who have not practiced recently to obtain licensure – ongoing need for nursing services. Permits temporary re-activation of healthcare licenses that lapsed within the last 5 years.</p> <p>Allows individuals licensed in other states who practice in New Jersey without a New Jersey license (pursuant to program above) to participate in the Prescription Monitoring Program.</p> <p>CDS Registration - Temporary suspension of the requirement to hold a controlled dangerous substance registration in order to register with the Prescription Monitoring Program for healthcare professionals who receive an expedited temporary license.</p> <p>Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) - Temporary suspension of the requirement for an APN to enter into a joint protocol with a collaborating physician.</p> <p>Physician Assistant (PA) - Temporary suspension of the requirement for a PA to enter into a signed delegation agreement.</p> <p>Mortuary Science - Written signature requirements pertaining to prepaid funeral agreements and authorization to commence funeral services can be met by electronic signatures.</p>
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2020-05 DCA-W-2020-09	Emergency Graduate License Program - Permits recent graduates of certain nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant and respiratory care schools to obtain an emergency graduate license.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Testing	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2020-06 DCA-W-2020-10	Facilitates testing for COVID-19. Pharmacist COVID-19 testing - Permits pharmacists in New Jersey to collect specimens to test for COVID-19 or its antibodies using tests approved by the FDA or authorized pursuant to an Emergency Use Authorization, and requires pharmacists to notify the Board of Pharmacy, maintain records consistent with Board recordkeeping requirements, and comply with certain safety precautions for testing.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Administrative Order DCA-AO-2020-12 DCA-W-2020-11	Facilitates provision of needed services. Graduate Licensure Program for Mental Health Professionals - Permits recent graduates of certain social work and professional counselor schools to obtain an emergency graduate license.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Telehealth	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2020-15 DCA-W-2020-14	Encourages telemedicine, matches continued relaxation at federal level. Telemedicine Encounters - Administrative Order and waiver of rules to allow healthcare practitioners to utilize telemedicine encounters to meet CDS prescribing requirements and cannabis authorization requirements.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Vaccinations	Administrative Order DCA-AO-2020-19	Facilitates administration of influenza vaccines. Pharmacy Interns and Externs - Administrative Order allowing pharmacy interns and pharmacy externs to administer influenza vaccines to patients over age 7 and under age 18 (with prescription requirements for children between ages 7 and 9), and administer all authorized vaccines, including for influenza, to eligible patients who are 18 and older.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Office Practice and Protocols	Administrative Order DCA-AO-2021-11	Healthcare Services in Office Practices - Makes clear to health care practitioners the need to continually assess community spread of COVID-19 while balancing patients' health care needs, and clarifies that patients may be accompanied by companions as needed, including during pregnancy-related care. The Administrative Order also ensures that standards for operation of office-based practices enforced by the Division are consistent with current CDC guidance, New Jersey Department of Health guidance, and Executive Order 192 concerning workplace safety.

Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Electronic Procedures, Inspections, or Evaluations	Waiver DCA-W-2020-01		Licensed Public Mover - Temporary waiver of rule to allow inspections that must be performed when providing estimates to be conducted electronically rather than in person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Electronic Procedures, Inspections, or Evaluations	Waiver DCA-W-2020-02		Health Care Service Firms - Temporary waiver of rule to allow plan-of-care evaluations by nursing supervisors to be completed electronically rather than in patients' homes.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Waiver DCA-W-2020-04		Healthcare professional continuing education - Temporary waiver for 16 professional boards of rules requiring continuing education to be completed in person.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2021-09 DCA-W-2021-05		Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies, Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Nursing, Board of Psychological Examiners, Certified Psychoanalysts Advisory Committee, and Board of Social Work Examiners - Permits some licensees to obtain continuing education hours and credits by providing volunteer services.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2020-13 DCA-W-2020-12		Alcohol and Drug Counselor - Grants Alcohol and Drug Counselor Interns working in certain settings a CADC temporary certification, allowing them to perform telehealth and telemedicine.
Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Administrative Order and Waiver DCA-AO-2021-05 DCA-W-2021-01		Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling – Permits temporary permit holders and vocational-technical school graduates to obtain licenses from Cosmetology Board without having passed practical examination if their supervisors/teachers submit attestation; allows applicants to obtain a second temporary permit; and waives temporary permit fee.
State	Deadlines Extensions	Temporary Rule Relaxation Concerning the Expiration of Center Designations made pursuant to the State Plan Resolution No. 2020-07 April 15, 2020	N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.21	Extending timeframes for plan endorsement expiration.
Urban Enterprise Zone Authority	Licensure, Certifications, Training, or Reciprocity	Temporary Rule Modification Concerning Business Certification for Zone Business Benefits	N.J.A.C. 5:120-2.2(b)(2)	The Administrator has granted extensions, as permitted under N.J.A.C. 5:120-2.2(b)(2), to businesses for reapplication who have been unable to supply the required information for recertification. The six-month period is set to expire for approximately thirty businesses seeking recertification, and while the public health emergency was lifted on June 4, 2021, businesses seeking recertification still require additional time to, among other things, rehire employees laid off during the pandemic or to meet their new employment requirement.