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## Staff Breakdown of COVID-19 related Executive Orders

(in Chronological Order)

### March 7 (No. 202)

**Formal Title:** Declaring a Disaster Emergency in NY

**The Big Points:**

- Declares a state of emergency in the State until September 7, 2020.
- Implements the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
  - State agencies now have the authority to act to assist local governments and individuals to prepare, respond and recover
- Allows the Governor to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation
- Permits the “mass” testing for COVID 19

### March 12 (No. 202.1)

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Allows hospitals to make temporary changes to respond to surge in patients
- Provides more flexibility for entities providing home delivered meals under EISEP
- 7 Day waiting period for unemployment insurance application waived for cases related to Coronavirus contraction or lay-offs
- The state will waive the 180-day rule for schools suspending classes
- Events and gatherings with 500 people + ordered to cancel or postpone
- Businesses mandated to operate at no greater than 50% occupancy

### **March 14 ([No. 202.2](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Alters election law for specific requirements including petitions and dates
- School districts wishing to close are required to consult local DOH & use their remaining snow/vacation days
- SED required to issue guidance to ensure access to meals for students in need

### **March 16 ([No. 202.3](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Events and gatherings or 50+ required to cancel or postpone
- Restaurant & bars required to cease serving patrons on-premise effective 8pm
- Casinos, fitness centers and theatres required to cease operations effective 8pm
- Prohibits local government to issue conflicting or superseding emergency orders

### **March 16 ([No. 202.4](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Any local government to allow 50% non-essential personnel to work from home effective March 17
- All schools are required to close no later than March 18 until April 1
  - Schools are required to develop plans for alternative instruction options, childcare options and meal distribution
- Delays village elections statewide until the April 28 Primary

*NY, CT and NJ join pact*

### **March 18 ([No. 202.5](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Allows licensed physicians who are not registered by NYS to practice supporting COVID 19 efforts
- All indoor retail spaces to close effective 8pm on March 19
- All places of public amusement to close effective 8pm on March 19
- Mandatory statewide, all businesses must adhere to no more than 50% workforce on premises. (exempts essential services, food, pharmacies, healthcare, shipping, supplies, etc.)

*PA will join NY, CT, and NJ in the restaurant, bar, casino closure compact.*

**March 18 ([No. 202.6](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- All businesses and npo required to reduce in-person workforce for 50% by 8pm on March 20 (exempts essential services)

**March 19 ([No.202.7](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Public Officers law expanded to allow for virtual or electronic participation
- All barbershops, salons, tattoo & piercing studios required to close by March 21 at 8pm
- All employers required to reduce in-person workforce by 75% by March 21 at 8pm (exempts essential services)

**March 20 ([No. 202.8](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- PAUSE Act

- 100% telecommunicate (essential services exempt)
- NO evictions for 90 days
- Dept. Motor Vehicle by apt. only
- Tax & finance to abate late filings for 60 days
- Courts to limit operations

*Hospitals instructed to double room capacity (current capacity is 50k)*

### **March 21 ([No. 202.9](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Department of Financial Services to promulgate emergency regulations addressing mortgage and other payments/fees for consumers and entities facing financial hardship due to COVID 19

### **March 23 ([No. 202.10](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Expands individuals authorized to practice and treat patients in NYS
- Restricts the prescription of hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine except for FDA approved indication or for COVID 19 purposes
- Non-essential gatherings of individuals of ANY SIZE required to cancel or postpone

### **March 27 ([No. 202.11](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Extends the authority of different medical and care professionals to practice within the State
- Voids earning limitations for retired individuals during the COVID 19 pandemic if employed to support State

- Schools to remain closed until April 15 (and suspends Spring Break)
  - Districts must continue to provide remote instruction for students, meals and child care

### **March 28** ([No. 202.12](#))

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Postpones the presidential primary to June 23 (versus April 28)
- Postpones previously scheduled special elections in New York to June 23
- Clarifies a previous order extending the parties allowable in a delivery room to include (+1)

### **March 30** ([No. 202.13](#))

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Moves all school board, library board, or village election scheduled to take place in April or May of 2020 to (at least) June 1
- Extends the order for all non-essential staff to work from home to April 16
- Clarifies “essential employee” in the construction industry

### **April 7** ([No. 202.14](#))

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Extends the Governor’s authority to modify policy and regulation due to COVID until May 7
- Extends any of the directives put in place in prior EOs unless otherwise stated
  - Includes suspension some Open Meeting Law aspects
- Requires all medical equipment being housed at other facilities around the state to be reported to DOH
- Extends PAUSE act until April 29 which includes non-essential staff telecommuting, school closures and the prohibition of gatherings

- School districts must continue plans for alternative instructional options, distribution and availability of meals, and childcare
- Increases the fine for disregarding social distancing from \$500 to up to \$1000
- Extends payment of insurance premiums for small or child-based health to June 1
- Modifies the Estate and Trust Law

### **April 9 ([No. 202.15](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Amends Religious Corp Law in regard to parish elections
- Delays the April 1 child transportation filing requirement for school districts
- Extends those with different medical and tangential fields to continue to practice
- Allows funeral directors from other states to practice in New York
- Public hearings for local/state officials, local government or schools be postponed until June 1 if unable to convene remotely
- Election Law amended so that an absentee ballot can be granted for any election held on or before June 23, 2020
  - Individual can apply electronically, with no requirement for in-person signature or appearance to be able to access an absentee ballot

### **April 12 ([No. 202.16](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Permit individuals to perform testing for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 and its antibodies
- NYC specific “no action” “no filing” letters for affordable housing, homeless shelters and other essential projects
- All political caucus required to take place in April or June postponed until June 1
- All essential businesses required to provide face coverings for employees when they are in direct contact with customers or members of the public

### **April 15 ([No. 202.17](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Effective Friday, April 17 at 8pm – everyone over the age of 2 must wear a face-covering in public when they cannot maintain a safe, social distance (ie. Grocery shopping, pharmacy, liquor store)

**April 16 ([No. 202.18](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Extends PAUSE thru May 15
  - Includes closure of schools (alternative curriculum, distribution of food, 180 day rule extension), non-essential WFH order, gathering restriction
- Expansion of 202.17 requiring passengers and operators of for hire transportation to wear a face-covering
- Requires nursing homes and similar facilities to notify family members within 24 hours if their loved one tests positive or dies due to COVID 19
- Waives the 15 day waiting period in which a service retirement application must be on file before it becomes effective (retirement death benefit for COVID 19)
- Allows for all new clients to be provided services under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program without payment until future date where the individual can be assessed
- Expands the Not-for-Profit Corporations Law to allow annual meetings of members to be held remotely or by electronic means
- Allows those 60+ to receive home-delivered meals who previously were ineligible (softens requirements)
- Permits pharmacy technicians and pharmacists to practice at an alternative location, including their home, as long as there is adequate security to prevent any Personal Health Information from being compromised

**April 17 ([202.19](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

**The Big Points:**

- Provides businesses that receive the federal Paycheck Protection Program funding (and subsequently rehires employees,) flexibility in regards to the required notice beyond 90 days
- Requires the DOH to establish a single, statewide coordinated testing prioritization process
  - Must include all laboratories in the state, both public and private
  - Laboratories must prioritize testing of entities or individuals as directed by this coordinated statewide process
    - Up to \$10,000 civil penalty for labs that do not comply with policy
- Increases fine from 202.18 in regards to state-notification from nursing homes to \$2000
- Prohibits local governments and local DOH from implementing any policy that would impede or supersede a state COVID 19 related directive

#### **April 18 [\(202.20\)](#)**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

#### **The Big Points:**

- Waives the 60-day ceremony requirement for those with marriage licenses that will expire due to COVID 19
  - Waives the fee for obtaining a secondary license
- Through May 18<sup>th</sup>, allows marriage license applications, marriage license distribution, or witnessing or solemnizing of marriage ceremonies using audio-video technology
  - Full list of requirements in EO

#### **April 19 [\(202.21\)](#)**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

#### **The Big Points:**

- Expands EO 202.20 to allow any officiant, public or private, to perform or solemnize marriage ceremonies utilizing audio-video technology

#### **April 19 [\(202.22\)](#)**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification



### **The Big Points:**

- Makes amendments to the Real Property Tax Law
  - Allows, at local option, for assessment rolls to be filed up to 30 days later than required by law previously
  - Places a 10 day range for the Commissioner of T&F to certify different rates in regards to tax levies for municipal corporations
- Amends the Laws of Westchester County:
  - Allows the WC Executive to negotiate with town or city officials for a decrease of taxes, levies and special assessments and enforcement of penalties
  - Requires Town Supervisor to waive penalty fees for tardy payment of county and county district taxes
- Extends the deadline to June 1, for payment of final school taxes in Nassau County

### **April 24 ([202.23](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

### **The Big Points:**

- Directs the Board of Elections to send all voters an absentee ballot application (with return postage) for primary and special elections occurring on June 23
- Authorizes the Commissioner of Health to suspend or revoke operating certificates for nursing or adult care facilities not in compliance with State policies and new regulations
- Postpones all state senate and assembly special elections that were to occur on April 28 to June 23

### **April 25 ([202.24](#))**

**Formal Title:** Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

### **The Big Points:**

- Authorizes licensed pharmacists to order COVID-19 tests
- Permit licensed pharmacists to test patients suspected of a COVID-19 infection or its antibodies
- Cancels the special election for City Council – 37<sup>th</sup> district

