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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 18th, 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 – 37th district

April 29 ([202.25](#))

Formal Title: Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

The Big Points:

- Authorizes the Commissioner of Health to approve and certify temporary, dedicated birthing sites
- Expands EO 202.13 in regards to allowable persons in the delivery room to include a support person and/or a doula
- Amends EO 202.10 to allow for elective surgeries at certain hospitals
 - At least 30 percent of hospital and intensive care unit beds must be available
 - Less than 10 COVID positive patients
 - 35 counties approved as of 4/30

May 1 ([202.26](#))

Formal Title: Continuing Temporary Suspension & Law Modification

The Big Points:

- Amends Election Law (see below)
 - Removes bid process for Board of Elections to provide absentee ballots
 - Requires districts to send report cards to SED by May 22 (18 days)
 - Department to compile data for district no later than June 2 (7 days)
 - All school district elections (minus big 5) will be moved to June 9
 - Schools boards required to provide 2 notices to public by May 13 (28 days)
 - This is a reduction from the typical 4 within 45-49 days
 - EO does not provide new timeline for budget hearing, as such it should be held 7-14 days before June 9
 - Postcard to include: date of election, date of hearing, definition of qualified voter and an absentee ballot
 - Authorizes school district libraries to conduct election/budget on June 9 via absentee ballot OR independently (libraries request)
 - No petition requirement for trustee
 - Any candidate who meets the minimum statutory requirements for Board members may and should be placed on the ballot, in alphabetical order
 - Any such candidate would need to declare within 30 days prior to the June 9 vote (the usual deadline for submitting a nominating petition)
 - Confirms that public and association libraries may place propositions on school district absentee ballot

- Eliminates the need for absentee ballot application for all library elections happening before July 1 – voters to be automatically mailed ballot with paid postage
- Any special district, including library, that conducts an election or budget vote is rescheduled to September 15 (exclusion for school district – held June 9)
 - Petitions are suspended until further notice (forthcoming EO)
- All village election moved to September 15
 - All party nominations shall be made by party caucus
 - All independent nominations for a village election are postponed (forthcoming EO)
 - Village officials elected on 9.15 to assume office as soon as the statement of canvass is filed with the village clerk