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COVID-19 Executive Order Breakdown

(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 of 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