



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health

EMERGENCY ORDER **CONTINUATION OF LDH NOTICES AND ORDERS** **DUE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: All Licensed Health Care Facilities
Healthcare Professionals licensed, certified, authorized, or
permitted by any board, authority, or commission under LDH

FROM: LDH Office of Public Health
Jimmy Guidry, M.D. *Jimmy Guidry, M.D.*
State Health Officer

RE: Emergency Order
Extension of Notice/Order #2020-COVID-19-ALL-020
Medical and Surgical Procedures
Dental Visits, Procedures and Surgeries
Other Healthcare Services

DATE: July 2, 2020

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EFFECTIVE DATES: This Emergency Order shall continue the previously issued Notice #2020-COVID-19-ALL-020, and shall remain in effect from 11:59 p.m. on July 5, 2020, until further notice from the State Health Officer.

RATIONALE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY:

While Louisiana has now entered Phase 2 of re-opening, Louisiana continues under a state of public health emergency resulting from the outbreak of “coronavirus disease 2019” (COVID-19). The measures in this extension of the Emergency Order/Notice are necessary to protect the health and safety of the public, to preserve Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and to utilize hospital staff and capacity to address potential medical surge, while at the same time ensuring that patients with ongoing healthcare needs receive care and treatment. The measures ordered herein are in line with best guidance and direction from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevent (CDC), as well as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Recommendations for Re-opening health care facilities.

The State Health Officer expressly finds that the measures ordered herein are necessary to help control and prevent further spread of COVID-19, a communicable, contagious, and infectious disease that represent a serious and imminent threat to the public health.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by L.R.S. 40:1 *et seq.*, particularly La. R.S. 40:4(A)(13) and La. R.S. 40:5(A)(2), I, Jimmy Guidry, M.D., State Health Officer, do hereby issue the following emergency order:

The previously issued Notice and Order entitled #2020-COVID-ALL-020, dated June 4, 2020, is hereby extended from 11:59 p.m. on July 5, 2020, until further notice from the State Health Officer.

Dr. Courtney N. Phillips

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Secretary

Jimmy Guidry, M.D.

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State Health Officer