



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 36

**AN ORDER SUSPENDING PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN STATUTES AND RULES AND
TAKING OTHER NECESSARY MEASURES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE
TREATMENT AND CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, Tennessee continues to experience the effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, which include serious respiratory illnesses, deaths, and profound disruption and challenges locally and worldwide in terms of employment, commerce, health care services, and otherwise; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 was identified in Tennessee, and since then 15,544 cases have been identified in the state, affecting the health and livelihoods of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, in response to the identification and spread of COVID-19, I have issued numerous Executive Orders to facilitate the treatment and containment of COVID-19, minimize unnecessary person-to-person contact, maintain adequate health care system capacity and supplies, and take other necessary and appropriate measures; and

WHEREAS, the efforts and sacrifices of Tennesseans, businesses, places of worship, and governmental and nongovernmental entities and organizations of all types, have flattened, and continue to flatten, the COVID-19 curve in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, despite this progress, widespread COVID-19 testing reveals that the disease remains present in our communities, and it is therefore appropriate that Tennesseans continue to practice social distancing to the greatest extent practicable, and the provisions of this Order are designed to facilitate such practices; and

WHEREAS, guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other leading medical experts continue to encourage social distancing, effective personal hygiene practices, and other measures to contain COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, I created the Tennessee Economic Recovery Group (ERG), which is composed of governmental and private industry leaders, to assist in safely returning Tennesseans to work during the COVID-19 pandemic, and guidance from the ERG likewise encourages employers, employees, and customers to follow CDC recommendations and adopt policies and practices designed to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in light of recommendations by the CDC and the ERG, I have issued various Executive Orders allowing businesses and organizations to responsibly and safely reopen where possible; and

WHEREAS, this reopening process requires that individuals, industries, governmental agencies, and entities of all types have adequate flexibility to adjust to new procedures and avoid unnecessary person-to-person contact, while maintaining access to governmental and other essential services; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers and facilities must retain the flexibility needed to respond to the ongoing demands of the COVID-19 pandemic while also providing continuity of care to all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Order are necessary for Tennessee to maintain a safe, flexible, robust, and effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in response to the ongoing COVID-pandemic, it is necessary to extend and consolidate into this Executive Order many of the provisions in Executive Order Nos. 15, 19, 20, 24, 28, and 32, which collectively suspended various law to facilitate the treatment and containment of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, for ease of reference and in order that Tennesseans may more easily track the extension of the provisions that affect their individual health, safety, welfare, and livelihoods, the provisions of this Executive Order No. 36 have been assigned the same numbers as the substantively similar provisions in prior Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, if future circumstances warrant terminating some of the measures contained herein before June 30, this Order will be amended or otherwise revised accordingly; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the other powers granted by law, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e), provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to suspend laws and rules regarding the conduct of state business if necessary to cope with the emergency, utilize all available state and local resources needed to combat the emergency, order evacuations, make orders concerning entry and exit and the occupancy of premises within an emergency area, and take measures concerning the conduct of civilians and the calling of public meetings and gatherings, among other things; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority and the general emergency management powers of the Governor under law, the temporary suspension of selected state laws and rules and the other

measures contained herein are necessary to facilitate the response to the ongoing, current public health situation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, to keep the citizens of the State of Tennessee safe and healthy, do hereby declare a state of emergency and a major disaster continue to exist to facilitate the response to COVID-19 and accordingly order the following:

1. Activation of Tennessee Emergency Management Plan. The Commissioner of Health or her designee, in conjunction with the Director of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) or his designee, shall implement the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan (TEMP) and all applicable annexes to coordinate the State's response to COVID-19.
2. Out-of-state health care providers may practice in Tennessee. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 63 and 68, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Health the discretion to allow a health care professional who is licensed in another state, and who would otherwise be subject to the licensing requirements under Title 63 or Title 68, to engage in the practice of such individual's profession in Tennessee, if such individual is a health care professional who is assisting in the medical response to COVID-19, including treating routine or other medical conditions. The Commissioner of Health shall provide the requisite form for practicing under this Paragraph on the Department of Health's Health Professional Boards webpage.
3. Prescriptions available in 90-day supply. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-10-207(a) and (c), are hereby suspended to allow a pharmacist to dispense up to a 90-day supply of maintenance prescriptions without proper authorization to persons as is necessary to respond to and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Tennessee, subject to all other provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 63-10-207 and 63-1-164.
4. Increased availability of home health services. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(20), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow health care professionals who would otherwise be subject to licensing requirements to provide localized treatment of patients in temporary residences.
7. Health care licenses, certificates, and registrations are extended until August 31, 2020. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 63 and 68, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to extend the current expiration dates for health care professionals and facilities to renew their license, certificate, or registration set to expire between March 12, 2020, and May 31, 2020, during which time the holder of each license, certification, or registration may continue to legally operate or practice their profession. No fines or penalties shall be assessed or collected if the holder of such license, certification, or registration

practices or operates during this extended period. Any renewal application received by the Tennessee Department of Health by August 31, 2020, shall be accepted as timely. When each license, certificate, or registration is renewed, its new expiration date shall be twenty-four (24) months after the expiration date it had prior to this Order.

- 7.1 Health care license application fees are due June 30, 2020. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 9, 63, and 68, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirements that applicants for an initial license pursuant to Titles 63 or 68 pay fees, including any state regulatory fee, as part of the application process. This suspension will apply to initial application fees due to the Department of Health between March 12, 2020, and May 31, 2020. Fees already collected will not be refunded. The deadline to pay initial application fees originally due during this period is hereby extended to June 30, 2020; provided, however, that licenses and fees shall return to their original schedules in subsequent years.
- 7.2 Notarization is not required for health care applications. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 63 and 68, and related rules, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirements that license applicants submit notarized application documents and instead allowing applicants to declare, certify, verify, or state under penalty of perjury that each document submitted is a true and correct copy of what it purports to be. Such declarations, certifications, verification, and statements must be signed and dated.
- 7.3 Retired medical professionals can easily reenter the health care workforce. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 63 and 68, and related rules and policies are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Health the authority to grant a license, certificate, or registration to a healthcare professional, such as a retired healthcare professional, who has been out of practice for a period of time without requiring that individual to demonstrate continued competency or submit to an interview before a licensing board or other licensing authority, provided that the individual satisfies all other requirements for licensure, certification, or registration.
- 7.4 Continuing education requirements are suspended so health care professionals can keep working. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 63 and 68, and related rules and policies are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement that individuals complete or submit proof of completing continuing education requirements or otherwise demonstrate continuing competence as a condition of reinstating a license, certification, or registration. The Commissioner of Health shall reasonably extend the deadline for these requirements as necessary to respond to the effects of COVID-19.
- 7.5 Laboratory inspections are suspended to allow for immediate COVID-19 testing. The provisions of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-06-03-.03(3) and 1200-06-03-

.04(2) are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of the Department of Health the authority to suspend any required onsite inspections of laboratories to the extent necessary to allow laboratories to immediately begin testing for COVID-19.

- 7.6 Health care licensing inspections and investigations are suspended to increase resources available to fight COVID-19 and to protect public health. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 63 and 68, and related rules and policies are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend any requirement that the Department of Health conduct inspections or investigations of a licensee, including, but not limited to, complaint investigations, routine surveys, and site visits. However, the Department of Health retains the authority to conduct any inspection or investigation when, in the Department's sole discretion, the public health, safety, or welfare necessitates such inspection or investigation.
- 7.7 Inspections of pain management clinics are suspended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-316(a), and Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1200-34-01-.03(3) and (4) are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement that the Department of Health inspect a pain management clinic applying for licensure if the applicant clinic will be physically located in the same location as another licensed pain management clinic where patients have been seen within the thirty (30) days preceding the submission of the application. In instances where the Department of Health elects to not inspect a pain management clinic applying for licensure, such provisions requiring a pain management clinic applying for licensure to be inspected are hereby suspended.
- 7.8 Inspections of pain management clinics every two (2) years are suspended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-316(c), are hereby suspended to the extent that they require the Department of Health to conduct inspections of licensed pain management clinics at least every two (2) years to give the Commissioner of Health the discretion to extend the applicable inspection deadline when conducting an inspection would not be appropriate given the risks associated with COVID-19.
- 7.9 Inspections of health care facilities are suspended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-210(a)(1), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement that the Department of Health conduct inspections of facilities applying for licensure if the applicant facility is physically located in the same location as another licensed facility where patients have been seen within the thirty (30) days preceding the submission of the application. In instances where the Department of Health elects to not inspect a facility applying for licensure, such provisions requiring a facility applying for licensure to be inspected are hereby suspended.
- 7.10 Inspections of medical laboratories are suspended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-29-106, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary

to suspend the requirement that the Department of Health conduct inspections for medical laboratory applicants for licensure if the applicant laboratory is physically located in the same location where another licensed medical laboratory was located within the thirty (30) days preceding the submission of the new application. In instances where the Department of Health elects to not inspect a medical laboratory applying for licensure, such provision requiring a medical laboratory applying for licensure to be inspected are hereby suspended.

- 7.11 Inspections of pharmaceutical facilities are suspended. The provisions of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1140-01-.08(1) and 1140-16-.02(1) are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement that the Board of Pharmacy conduct inspections of license applicants with physical locations in Tennessee, including pharmacies, manufacturers, outsourcing facilities, oxygen suppliers, or wholesalers/distributors and warehouses provided by a Third Party Logistics Provider, if the applicant is physically located in the same location as another Department of Health licensee was located within the thirty (30) days preceding the submission of the new application. In instances where the Board of Pharmacy elects to not inspect a license applicant, such provisions requiring a license applicant to be inspected are hereby suspended.
- 7.12 Inspections of veterinary facilities are suspended. The provisions of Tenn. Comp R. & Regs. 1730-02-.02 are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement that the Department of Health conduct inspections for veterinary facility applicants for licensure if the applicant veterinary facility is physically located in the same location as another licensed veterinary facility was located within the thirty (30) days preceding the submission of the new application. In instances where the Department of Health elects to not inspect a veterinary facility applicant for licensure, such provisions requiring a veterinary facility applicant for licensure to be inspected are hereby suspended.
- 7.13 Live human examinations are suspended for dentistry applicants. The requirements under Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 5, and Tenn. Comp R. & Regs. 0460-02-.05 that persons applying for licensure as a dentist complete a live human patient examination component is hereby suspended to permit the Board of Dentistry to grant licensure to persons graduating this year from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), if such persons have completed the other licensure requirements, met all of the requirements for competency promulgated by the CODA, and been certified by the dean of their CODA-accredited dental school as qualified, competent, and fit to practice dentistry.
- 7.14 Board of Dentistry may modify licensing procedures. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow the Tennessee Board of Dentistry to modify its licensing procedures in accordance with Paragraph 7.13.

- 7.15 Memorandums of Understanding with the Department of Health are enforceable emergency orders. Any Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the Tennessee Department of Health as permitted under 45 C.F.R. § 164.512 and any subordinate Memorandum of Understanding thereunder regarding access to protected health information from the Tennessee Department of Health is deemed to be an emergency order issued pursuant to, and enforceable in accordance with, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 2, Part 1.
- 7.16 Nursing graduates may practice under supervision without examination. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapters 6 and 7, and related rules and policies are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Health the authority and discretion to allow a person who has graduated on or after December 1, 2019, from an approved registered or practical nursing education program, and who has applied and fulfilled all other requirements for licensure as a nurse but has yet to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX), to practice nursing under the supervision of a licensed registered nurse.
- 7.18 Expanding facility locations. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-7-105, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow autopsies to be performed at a facility that is not accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners; provided, that any such facility must be deemed adequate by the State Chief Medical Examiner.
8. Pharmacists can process prescriptions remotely. The relevant portions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 10, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1140-02-.01 through Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1140-02-.02 are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow pharmacy technicians and pharmacists to complete computer-based processing of prescriptions at alternative locations, including from the residence of the pharmacy technician or pharmacist. Such computer-based processing shall be conducted utilizing adequate security to ensure all aspects of the Health Insurance Privacy and Accountability Act of 1996 are followed. No laws pertaining to licensed pharmacy practice sites, the storage of drugs, recordkeeping, or dispensing processes are waived or limited by this Order.
- 8.1 Each pharmacist can supervise more pharmacy technicians. The provisions of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1140-02-.02(7) are hereby suspended so that there is no restriction on the ratio of pharmacy technicians to pharmacists while this Order is in effect. All statutes and rules regarding the supervision of a pharmacy technician by a licensed pharmacist remain in full force and effect, including, but not limited to, the requirement that a licensed pharmacist supervise, direct, and verify the accuracy of all pharmacy technician functions pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1140-02-.02(9).
9. Degree holders in science fields can work as laboratory personnel under supervision. The relevant portions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 29, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the

Commissioner of Health the discretion to allow individuals required to be licensed under Title 68, Chapter 29, as medical laboratory technologists, medical laboratory technicians, or special analysts to work without a license while employed by a licensed medical laboratory and working under the supervision of a medical laboratory director; provided, that, such an individual has obtained a bachelor's degree in a biology or chemistry science field. The Commissioner of Health shall provide the requisite form for practicing under this Paragraph on the Department of Health's Health Professional Boards webpage.

- 9.1 Medical laboratory directors can monitor facilities remotely. The provisions of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-06-01-.20(5)(c) are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement that a medical laboratory director make certain periodic in-person, onsite visits to the facilities the director oversees, so long as the director utilizes other technological means of maintaining and exercising oversight.
- 9.2 Pre-license, post-degree mental or behavioral health professionals can provide telehealth services under supervision. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Health the authority to allow persons who have completed a master's degree or doctoral degree in a behavioral or mental health field, or in a field of study required for a license allowing the individual to diagnose behavioral or mental health disorders, to treat diagnosed behavioral or mental health conditions without a license and through use of telemedicine services; provided, that the person is, at all times, supervised by a person licensed under Title 63 with authorization to diagnose a behavioral or mental health condition. The Commissioner of Health shall provide the requisite form for practicing under this Paragraph 9.2 on the Department of Health's Health Professional Boards webpage.
- 9.3 Medical laboratory personnel can work remotely. The provisions of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-06-03-.02(1)(b) are hereby suspended to allow medical laboratory personnel to remotely review electronic data and report laboratory results without having a separate laboratory license for each remote location. Such personnel must be employed by a licensed medical laboratory and working under the supervision of a laboratory director. This suspension does not otherwise alter or amend any licensee's scope of practice or recordkeeping requirements.
10. Increased number of hospital beds available for COVID-19 patients. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow hospitals that would otherwise be subject to certificate of need requirements to temporarily increase their number of licensed hospital beds at any location or temporarily establish hospital and diagnostic services at any location, if necessary for the treatment of COVID-19 patients, as well as to the extent necessary to facilitate activity authorized by the provisions of this Order and any subsequent order concerning COVID-19.

- 10.1 Regulations of emergency medical services are suspended to increase services. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to enable the Emergency Medical Services Division of the Department of Health to utilize all licensed emergency medical services (EMS), EMS vehicles, and EMS personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic, as follows:
- a. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-306(d), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the Department of Health's obligation to annually inspect each ambulance service and emergency medical service and the vehicles of such services, except that newly licensed ambulance services, emergency medical services, and vehicles must still be inspected.
 - b. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-306(f), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to delay the expiration of any EMS service or vehicle license or certificate in good standing set to expire between March 12, 2020, and May 18, 2020. Such licenses and certificates shall instead expire three (3) months from the current date that the license or certificate is set to expire.
 - c. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-308(a), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to delay the expiration of any EMS personnel license or certificate in good standing set to expire between March 12, 2020, and May 18, 2020. Such licenses and certificates shall instead expire three (3) months from the current date that the license or certificate is set to expire.
 - d. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-308(b), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow any Emergency Medical Technician student, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician student, or Paramedic student who has successfully completed a Board-approved written exam to practice on a level that is commensurate with the level of examination that the student has successfully completed. Any student granted the ability to practice as a result of this suspension shall, at all times, be supervised by a licensee in the same field who holds an unencumbered license at or above the level of the student.
11. Testing for COVID-19 can occur at more medical laboratory facilities. The provisions of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-06-03-.16 are suspended to allow testing necessary for the diagnosis, treatment, and containment of COVID-19 to occur at alternate testing sites without prior approval by the Medical Laboratory Board; provided, that laboratories shall notify the Medical Laboratory Board of any such alternate testing sites.
12. Temporary quarantine and isolation facilities may be constructed. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-202(c)(1)-(8), are hereby suspended to allow for the construction of temporary structures, the plans for which would

otherwise be subject to review for new construction, additions, or substantial alterations, as directed by the Commissioner of Health and the Director of TEMA in response to COVID-19; provided, that there shall be inspections of such structures to ensure safety, as necessary.

13. Extends price gouging protections through June 2, 2020. In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-5103, it is hereby declared that in Tennessee an abnormal economic disruption exists, and therefore, persons are prohibited from charging any other person a price for medical supplies, emergency supplies, or consumer food items, as listed in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-5103(a)(1)(A), (C), and (D), that is grossly in excess of the price generally charged for the same or similar goods or services in the usual course of business. Paragraph 13 of this Order shall remain in effect until 12:01 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 2, 2020.
14. Size and weight transportation restrictions suspended for emergency supplies. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-401, through Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-413, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-201, through Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-209, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1680-07-01-.01 through Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1680-07-01-.25 that set forth maximum height, length, and width limitations are hereby suspended in the case of vehicles participating in the response to or preparation for COVID-19, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. A vehicle must be transporting emergency goods, supplies, equipment, mobile structures, items related to maintenance of the food supply, disinfectant or sanitizing supplies of any kind, or other items to affected areas.
 - b. A vehicle shall be permitted only to travel on (1) Interstate Highways; (2) highways on the National Highway System; and (3) other state-maintained roads as may be required to obtain access to needed services off of the aforementioned highways, without any restrictions on their time of movement except as may otherwise be provided in this Order.
 - c. A vehicle may transport a divisible or non-divisible load up to a maximum gross vehicle weight of 95,000 pounds and a maximum axle weight of 20,000 pounds, except on any bridge or overpass with a lower posted weight limit.
 - d. The outer bridge span of any five-axle truck tractor/semi-trailer combination shall be no less than fifty-one feet (51').
 - e. The overall dimensions of a vehicle and load shall not exceed:
 - i. One hundred feet (100') in length;

- ii. Fourteen feet, four inches (14' 4") in height on the Interstate Highway System, except on Interstate 55, and thirteen feet, six inches (13' 6") in height on Interstate 55 and any other highway on the National Highway System; or
 - iii. Fourteen feet, six inches (14' 6") in width.
 - f. Vehicles that do not exceed ten feet (10') in width may travel seven (7) days per week during daylight or nighttime hours without any time restrictions.
 - g. Any person, firm, company, corporation, or other entity that undertakes the movement of any overweight and/or over dimensional article and/or commodity on the highways of Tennessee shall hold Tennessee and its officers and employees harmless from any claims for damages resulting from the exercise of any of the privileges granted under this Order and, to this end, shall carry liability insurance with an insurer, acceptable to the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Oversize and Overweight Permit Office, in the amount of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for each claimant and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. The transporter shall carry the certificate of insurance in the vehicle at all times.
 - h. Paragraph 14(c) of this Order shall take effect only upon the issuance of and in accordance with an appropriate declaration by the President of the United States.
15. Transportation hours of service extended for emergency supplies. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23, as adopted by Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1340-06-01-.08, there is hereby provided a temporary exception from the federal rules and regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 395 limiting the hours of service for the operator of a commercial motor vehicle providing supplies, equipment, personnel, and other provisions, including items related to the maintenance of the food supply and disinfectant or sanitizing supplies of any kind, to assist persons affected by COVID-19, subject to the following conditions:
- a. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as an exemption from the Commercial Driver's License requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 383, the financial requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 387, or applicable federal size and weight limitations.
 - b. No motor carrier operating under the terms of this Order shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle. A driver who notifies a motor carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten (10) consecutive hours off-duty before the driver is required to return to service.
16. Unemployment benefits available to those affected by COVID-19. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-303(a)(1)(A), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce

Development discretion to authorize the payment of unemployment benefits to a claimant who is unemployed, as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-211, because the claimant left work after being directed by a medical professional or health authority to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19, who intends to return to work, and who is otherwise eligible for benefits.

17. Certain criteria for unemployment benefits are suspended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-302(a)(3) and (4), which require reporting to an employment office and having the ability and undertaking reasonable efforts to secure work to receive unemployment benefits, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development discretion to amend such reporting requirements upon receiving appropriate federal guidance. The one-week waiting period imposed by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-302(a)(5), is also hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development discretion to amend the length of such waiting period.
- 17.1 Unemployment information from employers required more quickly. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-304(b)(2)(C), stating that the separating employer's information describing the circumstances leading to the separation must be received by the agency within seven (7) days from the date the agency request for information is mailed to the separating employer are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development the discretion to require that the separating employer's information describing the circumstances leading to the separation must be received by the agency within four (4) days from the date the agency request for information is mailed to the separating employer.
18. Child care licensure and assessment requirements are suspended. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Human Services the discretion to waive the child care licensure requirements to allow suspension of onsite assessment and licensing monitoring visits, permit reviews by desk audit, and extend current licenses, as well as waive other child care licensure requirements, including provisions concerning capacity, care categories, grouping, license transfers, and drop-in centers, if necessary to respond to the effects of COVID-19.
19. Examination cycle of financial institutions may be extended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 45-2-1602(a) and Section 45-4-1002(a), and related rules requiring examination of state-chartered banks, trust companies, and credit unions within certain time periods are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Financial Institutions discretion to extend the applicable examination cycle of such institutions when the Commissioner determines that conducting an examination would not be appropriate given the risks associated with COVID-19.

- 19.1 Deadline for TNInvestco annual audited financial statement reports extended until July 31, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-28-110(a)(4), are hereby suspended such that the report required by that subsection must instead be made by July 31, 2020.
20. Departments may extend deadlines to deposit state funds. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-301(a), and Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Policy 25 are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow the head of an administrative department of state government listed in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-101, to implement processes that will safeguard the health, welfare, and safety of employees handling and processing payment instruments.
- 20.1 Marriage licenses are extended until June 30, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-103, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend until June 30, 2020, the expiration of all valid marriage licenses issued by a county clerk and set to expire between March 12, 2020, and May 31, 2020.
- 20.2 Application deadline for tax relief is extended through June 30, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 7, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend until the termination of this Order the deadline for filing applications for tax relief and tax freeze.
- 20.3 Deadline for ethics filings are extended until July 15, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 2-10-115(a), 2-10-128(a), and 8-50-501, Executive Order No. 2 (January 24, 2019), and related rules and policies are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend until July 15, 2020, the due dates occurring between March 12, 2020, and June 30, 2020, for the filing of the Statement of Interests form with the Tennessee Ethics Commission and Counsel to the Governor, the Ethics Policy Compliance Certification and Conflict of Interest Statement form with the Counsel to the Governor, and the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Policy Receipt Statement form with the Counsel to the Governor.
- 20.4 Deadlines for law enforcement training are extended. The provisions of Tenn. Comp. R & Regs. 1110-02-.03(2) and (5) are suspended to the extent necessary to allow persons previously certified, and not decertified, as law enforcement officers in Tennessee or another state to work as full-time law enforcement officers for an employing agency without completing the Basic Law Enforcement Course or the POST Commission's three (3) week transition school within six (6) months of initial employment. The Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance is granted the discretion to reasonably extend the deadline for completing these requirements as is necessary to respond to the effects of COVID-19.
- 20.5 Deadline for paying professional privilege tax is extended through June 30, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-1703, are hereby

suspended to the extent necessary to suspend until the termination of this Order the payment due date and delinquency date for any professional privilege taxes due and payable beginning June 1, 2020, and continuing through June 30, 2020.

- 20.6 Free copies of business entity filings available for those using them to seek state or federal disaster relief. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 48-11-303(c), 48-51-303(c), 48-247-103(c), 48-249-1007(c), 61-3-1205(c), 61-2-1207(c), and 61-1-1208(c), are hereby suspended until August 1, 2020, to the extent necessary to allow the Secretary of State to provide copies of business entity filings without charge when the business entity filings are sought in connection with obtaining relief from a federal or state disaster assistance program.
21. Board of Parole may modify procedures to protect public health. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-28-118(a) and (b), Section 40-28-121(b) and (d), Section 40-28-122(a), (c), and (f), and Section 40-35-503(d), (e), (f), and (h), requiring the Tennessee Board of Parole to take certain actions and conduct certain proceedings, the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-28-502(a)(1), requiring that hearings be open to the public, the notification requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-28-505(b), (c), (e), and (g), and any related provisions of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1100-01-01-.01 through Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1100-01-01-.16 and Board of Parole policies adopted pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-28-104, are hereby suspended. However, the Board of Parole is directed to use all available processes, alternatives, and technology to maintain continuity of services and hearings to the greatest extent practicable while maintaining the health and safety of all persons involved.
- 21.1 Suspends temporary application of safety valve provisions resulting from the temporary decrease in TDOC prisoners. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 41-1-505(a) and 41-1-508(c), requiring the automatic reversion of release eligibility dates of certain felony offenders to the dates in existence prior to their reductions pursuant to Title 41, Chapter 1, Part 5 upon attainment of ninety percent (90%) of the relevant designated capacity of the state correctional facilities are hereby suspended.
- 21.2 Discretion to utilize National Guard members in connection with TDOC operations if needed. For the limited purpose of authorizing personnel recognized under Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 58-1-203 and 58-1-204, to be commissioned under the process set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-609, the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-609, and any other state or local law, order, rule, or regulation that would limit the application of this Paragraph 21.2 are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow such personnel to assist in the orderly operation and security of penitentiaries in this state during the continuing state of emergency. This limited suspension is subject to the following conditions:

- a. No personnel shall be commissioned pursuant to this Paragraph 21.2 unless designated to the Commissioner of Correction by the Adjutant General upon request or order of the Governor;
 - b. Personnel commissioned pursuant to this Paragraph 21.2 shall have received prior training in the areas pertaining to their duties under the commission;
 - c. Personnel commissioned pursuant to this Paragraph 21.2 shall report to the Commissioner of Correction or Commissioner's designee while on duty, subject to any orders or directives from the chain of command and Governor;
 - d. Personnel commissioned pursuant to this Paragraph 21.2 shall have and exercise the authority provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-609, for the sole purpose of carrying out the scope of assigned duties as specified or limited by the Commissioner of Correction or Commissioner's designee while on duty;
 - e. Any commission or designation of personnel pursuant to this Paragraph 21.2 shall terminate and be of no further force and effect upon the expiration or termination of the state of emergency or other order of the Governor terminating such commission or designation; and
 - f. This Paragraph 21.2 shall not affect the requirements and provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-609, with respect to employees presently designated by the commissioner under that section.
22. Motor vehicle registrations are extended until June 15, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-104(a)-(d), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to delay the expiration of all valid motor vehicle registrations set to expire between March 12, 2020, and May 31, 2020. Such motor vehicle registrations shall instead expire on June 15, 2020; provided, however, that such registrations shall return to their original renewal schedules in subsequent years.
- 22.1 Inspections of light-duty motor vehicles are suspended until June 15, 2020. The provisions of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-03-29-.01 through Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-03-29-.12 and related provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement of inspection and testing of light-duty motor vehicles in Tennessee and the requirement for a light-duty motor vehicle owner to submit a certificate of compliance relative to a vehicle's registration in all cases where required between March 12, 2020, and June 15, 2020. Such requirements shall return to their original schedule in subsequent years.
- 22.2 Motor vehicle dealers can record liens with the Secretary of State. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-126(f), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow for filing by a first lienholder or the lienholder's designee,

and issuance by the Tennessee Secretary of State, of motor vehicle temporary liens to a first lienholder or the lienholder's designee when a manufacturer's statement of origin or an existing certificate of title on a motor vehicle is not unavailable.

23. Driver licenses and photo IDs are extended until June 30, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 55-50-311, 55-50-336, and 55-50-337, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to delay the expiration of all valid Class A, B, C, D, M, PA, PB, PC, PD, and PM driver licenses and Class ID photo identification licenses set to expire between March 12, 2020, and June 29, 2020. Class A, B, C, PA, PB, and PC licenses shall instead expire on June 30, 2020. Any other licenses covered by this paragraph shall instead expire on November 15, 2020. This provision shall not apply to Class X licenses.
- 23.1 Commercial driver licenses with medical cards are extended until June 30, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-413, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to delay the cancellation of a Class A, B, or C driver license with a medical card issued for more than ninety (90) days that is set to expire between March 12, 2020, and June 29, 2020. Class A, B, and C driver license holders affected by this suspension will have until June 30, 2020, to submit a new medical card to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security to avoid cancellation. Renewal requirements shall return to their original schedule in subsequent years.
- 23.2 Deadlines for new Tennessee residents to obtain a Tennessee driver licenses are extended until June 30, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-304(5)(A), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow a person who establishes residency in Tennessee between March 12, 2020, and May 31, 2020, additional time to obtain a Tennessee driver license. Affected residents shall have until June 30, 2020, to obtain a Tennessee driver license.
- 23.3 Administration of driving tests are suspended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-302(b), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Safety and Homeland Security the authority to suspend the required administration of knowledge and skills tests or to reduce the availability of knowledge and skills tests to applicants for non-commercial driver licenses and learner permits.
- 23.4 Issuance of REAL-ID are suspended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-202, and Tenn. Comp. R & Regs. 1340-01-13-.24, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Safety and Homeland Security the authority to suspend the issuance of federally compliant REAL-ID licenses.
- 23.5 Deadlines for payments to reinstate driver licenses are extended. The provisions of Tenn. Comp. R & Regs. 1340-02-05-.01 through 1340-02-05-.10 are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the due date for quarterly payments

owed under payment plans between March 12, 2020, and June 30, 2020, until the expiration of this Order.

24. Enhanced handgun carry permits are extended through November 15, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(n)(1), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to delay the expiration of a valid enhanced handgun carry permit set to expire between March 12, 2020, and June 30, 2020. Such permits shall instead expire on November 15, 2020.
25. Deadlines for persons with interlock ignitions devices are suspended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 55-10-417(d) and 55-10-425, requiring persons with ignition interlock devices to appear at certain times at the ignition interlock device provider for calibration, monitoring, or inspection of the device, are hereby suspended. Any such time periods running as of the effective date of this Order are stayed until the termination of this Order, at which time they shall resume running.
- 25.1 Tennessee Corrections Institute transfer procedures are adjusted to respond to COVID-19. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-140, and Tenn. Comp. R & Regs. 1400-01-.02 are suspended to the extent necessary to allow the number of inmates awaiting transfer to the Department of Correction penal system to be discounted from any computations used to determine compliance with the provisions of Tenn. Comp. R & Regs. 1400-01-.04 if the conditions set forth in Tenn. Comp. R & Regs. 1400-01-.02(4)(e)(2.)-(3.) apply.
- 25.2 Tennessee Corrections Institute may flexibly respond to COVID-19 issues. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-140(d), and Tenn. Comp. R & Regs. 1400-01-.02(5) and (6) are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement of plans of action reasonably expected to eliminate fixed ratio deficiencies in a facility during the period this Order is effective, to provide flexibility to local facilities to address issues related to COVID-19.
26. Time limits regarding civil asset forfeiture proceedings are suspended through June 30, 2020. Any time limits set forth in Title 40, Chapter 33, Part 2, on taking actions or conducting proceedings are hereby suspended through June 30, 2020. Any such time periods running as of the effective date of this Order are stayed until the termination of this Order, at which time they shall resume running.
27. Educational and training deadlines administered by the Department of Commerce and Insurance may be extended. The provisions governing the initial issuance and renewal of licenses, permits, and certifications issued by the Department of Commerce and Insurance and the boards, commissions, and agencies administratively attached to the Department are suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance and the boards, commissions, and agencies discretion to reasonably extend the deadline for

obtaining the required testing, education, continuing education, or in-service credits as necessary to respond to the effects of COVID-19.

28. Deadlines for building code and building plan inspections may be extended. The provisions governing building plans review or building code requirements under the purview of the Department of Commerce and Insurance are suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance discretion to reasonably extend the deadline for compliance with such provisions as necessary to respond to the effects of COVID-19.
- 28.1 Notarization requirements for bonds and certain legal documents are suspended. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 4 and 12, any other provisions of law, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to, with respect to construction and commercial surety bonds, suspend any notarization requirement and allow all government departments and officials to accept surety bonds and powers of attorney containing electronic signatures and electronic corporate seals affixed thereto.
29. Deadline for firefighters to complete training may be extended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 4-24-112, 4-24-202 and 4-24-205, requiring completion of basic training and in-service credits are suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education discretion to reasonably extend the deadline for meeting such requirements as necessary to respond to the effects of COVID-19.
- 29.1 Deadline for law enforcement and firefighter physical examinations is extended until October 1, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-201, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend until October 1, 2020, the July 1, 2020, deadline for obtaining a physical medical examination, including a cancer screening.
30. Deadline for peace officers to complete training may be suspended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 38-8-107 and 38-8-111, requiring completion of basic training and in-service credits are suspended to the extent necessary to give the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission discretion to reasonably extend the deadline for meeting such requirements as necessary to respond to the effects of COVID-19.
- 30.1 Annual meeting of the Tennessee Judicial Conference is suspended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-3-104, requiring an annual meeting of the members of the Tennessee Judicial Conference are hereby suspended for calendar year 2020.
31. Time periods for completing securities registration requirements may be extended. The provisions of Tenn. Comp. R & Regs. 0780-04-03-.01(4)(d) and 0780-04-03-.01(10)(c) governing eligibility for initial registration with the Securities Division

of Department of Commerce and Insurance are suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance discretion to reasonably extend the time periods for completing certain registration application requirements as necessary to respond to the effects of COVID-19.

- 31.1 Remote shareholder meetings. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 48-17-109, which requires shareholders participating in a meeting conducted through special communications be able to simultaneously hear each other during the meeting, is hereby suspended; provided, that the corporation or its board of directors establishes procedures to enable verified shareholders and proxyholders not physically present at the meeting with a reasonable opportunity to:
- a. Read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with such proceedings;
 - b. Submit questions during the meeting;
 - c. Be deemed present in person at the meeting; and
 - d. Vote on matters submitted at the meeting.
- 31.2 Remote shareholder meetings. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 48-17-101(b), is hereby suspended to the extent necessary so that the place of meeting required to be specified may include a method of remote communication in which shareholders may participate in accordance with Paragraph 31.1.
- 31.3 Remote shareholder meetings. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 48-17-201(c), requiring that a corporation holding a shareholders' meeting make available at the meeting its list of shareholders who are entitled to notice of a shareholders' meeting is hereby suspended in the case of a corporation conducting a meeting in accordance with Paragraph 31.1; provided, that the corporation makes the list available on an electronic network to which shareholders are granted access for the entirety of the meeting.
32. Discretionary leave available for state employees affected by COVID-19. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-802, Tenn. Comp. R & Regs. 1120-06-.01 through Tenn. Comp. R & Regs. 1120-06-.26, and related Department of Human Resources policies are to the extent necessary hereby suspended so that executive branch appointing authorities and the Commissioner of Human Resources may grant discretionary leave to an employee subject to Title 8, Chapter 30, who is directed not to report to work because of COVID-19, or because of modified operations due to COVID-19.
33. Inspections of mental health and substance abuse facilities and services are suspended. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-2-413(a), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Mental

Health and Substance Abuse Services the authority to suspend the required unannounced life safety and environmental inspections of licensed services or facilities, absent the death of a service recipient at the service or facility with an indication of possible abuse or neglect by the service or facility or its employees or a request for placement assistance from law enforcement or state or federal agencies regarding the service or facility.

- 33.1 Telephone assessments for involuntary commitment cases are permitted. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-4-108, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow the issuance of a certificate of need under Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-404, for the emergency involuntary commitment of a person with a mental illness or serious emotional disturbance based upon a telephone assessment of such person by a mandatory pre-screening agent designated pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 33-6-104 and 33-6-427, if the following conditions are met:
- a. The mandatory pre-screening agent is not reasonably able to conduct an evaluation in-person or via readily available telehealth services; and
 - b. The mandatory pre-screening agent determines in the agent's professional judgment that conducting the assessment via telephone with the person is clinically appropriate.
34. TennCare policies adjusted to prevent coverage disruptions. The Division of TennCare is hereby authorized to create policies or modify existing policies as is necessary to ensure that members of the TennCare and CoverKids programs continue to receive medically necessary services without disruption during this state of emergency.
35. Limitations on emergency admissions to Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities facilities are suspended. Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0465-01-01-.05(3) is hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow for admission to a state-owned and operated facility under Title 33 without conducting a Statewide Admission Review Committee review within seven (7) days of admission.
36. Medication administration certificates may be extended for Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities personnel. Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0465-01-03.04(4)(a) and (b) are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to grant the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities the discretion to extend the medication administration certification of unlicensed personnel when necessary to provide for continuity of care.
- 36.1 Suspending requirements not feasible during COVID-19 pandemic to maintain service levels for persons supported by Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code

Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 2, Part 12, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities the discretion to suspend any requirement for the hiring or retention of an employee or the participation of a volunteer whose function would include direct contact with or direct responsibility for persons supported by the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, if necessary to address staffing shortages resulting from the impact of COVID-19 to ensure continuity of care for persons supported by the Department. Any such suspended requirements must be completed within ninety (90) days after the termination of this Paragraph 36.1.

37. Health insurance carriers encouraged to improve access to COVID-19 treatment, screening, and testing. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e)(2), I hereby direct the Tennessee Department of Health and the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance to continue working with health insurance carriers operating in the state to identify and remove any burdens to responding to COVID-19 and improve access to treatment options and medically necessary screening and testing for COVID-19.
38. Telemedicine access is expanded. Health insurance carriers are urged to provide coverage for the delivery of clinically appropriate, medically necessary covered services via telemedicine to all providers, irrespective of network status or originating site. Providers are urged to follow the new guidance from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding equipment and everyday communications technologies that may be used for the provision of telemedicine services. Carriers are urged not to impose prior authorization requirements on medically necessary treatment related to COVID-19 delivered by in-network providers via telemedicine. Health care professionals licensed in another state who are authorized pursuant to this Order to temporarily practice in this state are permitted to engage in telemedicine services with patients in Tennessee to the extent the scope of practice of the applicable professional license in this state would authorize the professional to diagnose and treat humans. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-155(c)(3), is hereby suspended to allow telemedicine services by pain management clinics, as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-301(7), and in the case of chronic nonmalignant pain treatment.
- 38.1 All licensed health care providers can practice telemedicine. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-155(a)(1), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow telehealth or telemedicine services to be provided by any provider licensed under Title 63, regardless of the provider's authority to diagnose. This suspension does not otherwise alter or amend any licensee's scope of practice or record keeping requirements.
39. Tennessee Bureau of Investigation may conduct name-based background checks. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, Part 1, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to authorize the Tennessee Bureau of

Investigation to conduct name-based background checks for applicants, rather than fingerprint-based background checks.

40. Deadline to remove expunged records is suspended. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-32-102(b), which imposes upon the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation a sixty-day deadline for removing expunged records from criminal histories, is hereby suspended.
41. Term and effective date. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on May 18, 2020, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 30, 2020, unless future circumstances warrant terminating some of the measures contained herein earlier, in which case this Order will be amended or otherwise revised accordingly.
- 41.1 Suspension of laws that would limit application of this Order. Any state or local law, order, rule, or regulation that would limit the application of this Order is hereby suspended.
42. Severability. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this Order are declared to be severable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 12th day of May, 2020.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE





STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 38

AN ORDER EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF TENNESSEANS WHO MAY RETURN TO WORK SAFELY WHILE URGING CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, in recent months, local, state, and federal officials have taken numerous actions to limit the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, between March 22, 2020, and April 2, 2020, I issued executive orders directing that Tennesseans stay at home unless engaging in essential activity or essential services, prohibiting large social gatherings, and limiting the operation or visitation of certain businesses and venues, in accordance with guidelines issued by President Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, because of the progress made in flattening the COVID-19 curve in Tennessee, the enormous damage suffered by many businesses and individuals as a result of COVID-19, and the importance of encouraging Tennesseans to return to work to support their families and communities in a safe way, between April 28, 2020, and May 8, 2020, I issued executive orders encouraging many Tennesseans to return to work, and the Governor's Economic Recovery Group issued numerous sets of guidelines for the safe operation of a variety of types of businesses; and

WHEREAS, our progress in reopening Tennessee while limiting the spread of COVID-19 has continued, as many Tennesseans have returned to work, more guidance has been developed regarding how businesses can keep their employees and customers safe, hospitalization rates continue to be stable, our mortality rates remain lower than national averages, and testing capacity continues to increase across the state; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this continued progress in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in Tennessee, it is appropriate to encourage more Tennesseans to return to work to support their families and communities while trusting and expecting them to continue to limit non-essential activity and follow the practices that have resulted in this progress (the "Health Guidelines"), including:

For individuals:

- a. Maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance from other persons;
- b. Practicing good personal hygiene and observing other CDC recommendations;
- c. Remaining at home if you feel sick;
- d. Working from home whenever possible;
- e. Avoiding discretionary travel and large gatherings; and
- f. Avoiding visitation or close contact with vulnerable persons or those who are sick; and

For employers:

- a. Implementing appropriate policies and practices in accordance with state and federal guidance to facilitate social distancing, temperature checks, sanitation, use and disinfection of common areas, and reduced business travel;
- b. Monitoring employees for symptoms and prohibiting employees with symptoms from returning to work until cleared by a medical provider; and
- c. Cooperate with governmental contact tracing procedures for employees or customers who test positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the threat from COVID-19 remains very serious, and with this increased ability to return to work comes increased personal responsibility on the part of each Tennessean to protect themselves and others by following the Health Guidelines to slow the spread of this virus, and therefore, all Tennesseans are strongly urged to continue to diligently follow the Health Guidelines at all times; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the other emergency management powers granted by law, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e), provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to suspend laws and rules regarding the conduct of state business if necessary to cope with the emergency, order evacuations from certain areas, make orders concerning entry and exit and the occupancy of premises within an emergency area, and take measures concerning the conduct of civilians and the calling of public meetings and gatherings, among other things; and

WHEREAS, the temporary suspension of selected state laws and rules and the other measures contained herein are necessary to facilitate the response to the current emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, to keep the citizens of the State of Tennessee safe and healthy, do hereby declare a continuing state of emergency to facilitate the response to COVID-19 and order the following statewide:

1. Return to work. Persons, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to return to work consistent with the provisions of this Order and while following to the greatest

extent practicable the Health Guidelines and the operational guidance issued by the Governor's Economic Recovery Group (e.g., Tennessee Pledge).

- a. Health Guidelines. All employers and businesses are strongly urged to take all practicable steps to equip, encourage, allow, or require and permit employees to work remotely or via telework from home, and employees and their customers should practice good hygiene and observe the Health Guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent practicable.
- b. ERG Guidelines. All venues, employers, and businesses are expected to operate in accordance with, and to fulfill the spirit of, applicable operational guidance issued by the Governor's Economic Recovery Group (e.g., Tennessee Pledge), which are available at the following web address and may be periodically updated: <https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery.html>. Generally applicable guidelines and industry-specific guidelines for certain industries have been and will continue to be released by the ERG. If an employer, business, or industry does not operate in a safe manner, or if health outcomes demonstrate that a particular business or industry sector is unable to be operated in a sufficiently safe manner, the Governor and/or other applicable state official(s) may issue additional health and safety orders as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

2. Social distancing remains imperative.

- a. CDC guidance states that "COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person", and therefore every person is strongly urged to maintain at least six (6) feet of separation from persons outside their household to the greatest extent practicable.
- b. To ensure appropriate social distancing for the purposes of social or recreational gatherings, including, but not limited to, festivals, fairs, parades, large parties or picnics, sporting events and activities (in accordance with Paragraph 2.c. and 2.d.), summer youth camps, and other types of social or recreational assemblies or gatherings, persons in the State of Tennessee should to the greatest extent practicable maintain at least six (6) feet of separation from persons outside their household, and shall not in any event be in a group of fifty (50) or more persons for the purposes of social or recreational activities or events; provided, that this limitation does not necessarily prohibit fifty (50) or more total persons from gathering in a single place or venue for an activity or event if they are in separate, otherwise permissible smaller groups that substantially maintain six (6) feet or more of separation from other persons or separate groups. For example, under this Paragraph 2, more than fifty (50) persons may sit in a set of bleachers and watch an event provided that persons or multiple smaller

groups of persons are spread out from one another and maintain at least six (6) feet of separation from other groups or persons.

- c. Contact sporting events and activities are prohibited under this Order; provided, that collegiate and professional sporting events and activities may be conducted if permitted by, and pursuant to, the rules or guidelines of their respective governing bodies. Noncontact sporting events and activities, and spectating for such events and activities, are permissible subject to applicable social distancing provided for herein.
 - d. For purposes of this Paragraph 2:
 - i. “Contact sporting events and activities” are sports for which there is a requirement or substantial likelihood of routine, sustained close proximity or physical contact between participants. For example, some sports, such as wrestling are scored by impacting an opponent, while others, including football or rugby, require tackling of players. Others like basketball, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, ice and field hockey, rowing, mixed martial arts, wrestling, boxing, and other combat sports involve participants being in close, sustained proximity and likelihood of physical contact. “Contact sporting events and activities” does not include training or otherwise engaging in elements or aspects of such sports or activities in a manner that do not involve close contact with other persons; and
 - ii. “Noncontact sporting events and activities” means sports that can be conducted while substantially maintaining appropriate social distancing, and that involve at most only close contact or proximity between participants that is incidental to the activity. Such sports include, but are not limited to, baseball, softball, volleyball, golf, disc golf, tennis and other racket sports, cycling, swimming, track and field and running events, and equestrian.
 - e. Further operational guidance from the Governor’s Economic Recovery Group (e.g., Tennessee Pledge) regarding youth sporting events and summer youth camps is forthcoming.
3. Places of worship, weddings, and funerals. Worship services, weddings, funerals, and events related thereto are not social or recreational gatherings under Paragraph 2. Nevertheless, places of worship are strongly encouraged to continue to utilize virtual or online services and gatherings and strongly encouraged to follow the Guidance for Gathering Together in Houses of Worship issued by the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives regarding in-person services that can be conducted safely. Likewise, persons at weddings and funerals are strongly encouraged to follow the Health Guidelines and maintain appropriate social distancing as provided for herein to the greatest extent practicable, although it is

further strongly encouraged that any large public celebration component of weddings and funerals be postponed or attended only by close family members.

4. Staying at home when possible and limiting unnecessary activity still critically important to maintaining a healthy and economically vibrant Tennessee.
 - a. Most Tennesseans can return to work under this Order; however, the threat of COVID-19 remains very serious. Because avoiding unnecessary public interactions is critical to protecting the health and safety of Tennesseans by limiting the spread of COVID-19, preserving health care resources, and sustaining the improved conditions that allow vital economic activity to resume in Tennessee, all persons are still strongly encouraged to continue to stay at home and to minimize in-person contact with people not in the same household, except when engaging in critical activities such as employment or occupational activities, activities integral to health and safety, obtaining supplies or services, engaging in permitted outdoor activity, caring for or visiting family or friends, visiting a place of worship, or travel associated with such activity.
 - b. All persons are strongly encouraged, among other things, to use thoughtful planning, careful coordination, and consideration of others to minimize the need and frequency for public interactions.
 - c. All persons have a civic responsibility to protect themselves and their communities by following the Health Guidelines to the greatest extent practicable when outside their homes.
5. Persons are urged to wear face coverings in public places. In accordance with CDC guidance, persons, including employees or customers of businesses, are strongly urged to wear cloth face coverings or other similar coverings in public settings where being in close proximity to others is anticipated, and particularly where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain at all times. Such cloth face coverings can be created from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. Surgical masks and N-95 respirators should be reserved for health care workers and first responders.
6. Elderly-citizen and care-related facilities closed to visitors in most cases.
 - a. Persons are highly encouraged to use available electronic or virtual communication options to spend time with a family member, friend, fellow resident, loved one, or other person ("Resident") in a nursing home, retirement home, long-term care facility, or assisted-living facility ("Facility" or "Facilities"). Persons shall not visit a Resident in a Facility unless:

- i. The Facility determines in its judgment that: (1) the visit involves the provision of critical assistance to a Resident; or (2) the visit is to a Resident receiving end-of-life care; and
- ii. The Facility determines in its judgment that the visit may be accomplished without unreasonable risk to other residents or staff.

In making such determinations, the Facility may seek the professional medical opinion of the Resident's treating physician or other healthcare providers involved in the Resident's care, as well as the Facility's medical director, as applicable, on a case-by-case basis. Facilities should also ensure that any Resident with disabilities is afforded visitation, as needed, by ancillary service providers (sign-language interpreters, behavioral health support personnel, etc.), or other visitation essential to care decisions or daily functioning, in order to maintain open lines of communication and continuation of needed services in light of individual Resident needs.

Facilities should continue to screen any permitted visitors to reduce the risk of infection among Residents and Facility personnel.

- b. Facilities shall at all times follow the Health Guidelines and any other infection control rules, policies, or guidance set forth by the Department of Health or other applicable state and federal agencies or departments.
- c. Facilities shall take reasonable steps to minimize the movement of staff to more than one Facility location whenever possible.
- d. Senior centers or equivalent facilities shall continue to be closed to members, customers, or the public.

7. Testing of residents and staff at long-term-care facilities. Administrators of nursing homes, assisted-care living facilities, and residential homes for the aged, as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201, are strongly urged to provide COVID-19 testing for all residents and staff members across the state. Administrators are further urged to complete or take substantial steps toward completing this testing by May 31, 2020. An administrator may request financial and operational support for this testing from the Department of Health and the Tennessee National Guard by contacting the Department of Health. Cases of communicable and reportable diseases must continue to be reported to the Department of Health and county health departments as required by law.

8. Special care should be taken to protect vulnerable populations. Persons and businesses should take particular care to protect the well-being of those populations especially vulnerable to COVID-19, including older adults and persons with compromised immune systems or severe underlying medical conditions, by, among other things, taking care to adhere to all precautions advised by the President and the CDC and refraining to the extent practicable from physical contact and

association. Businesses should further consider implementing measures to protect our most vulnerable populations by, for example, offering delivery service or special opportunities for members of vulnerable populations to shop in retail establishments exclusive of the general population.

9. Persons with COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms must stay at home. In accordance with CDC guidance, persons who test positive for COVID-19 or who are suffering from COVID-19 symptoms shall stay at home, except to receive medical care, until satisfying the conditions for discontinuing home isolation, which the CDC has set forth at the following web address: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>.
10. Employers shall not require or allow employees with COVID-19 to work. An employer, through its supervisors or appropriate management personnel, shall not require or allow an employee who the employer knows has tested positive for COVID-19 to report to work until that employee has satisfied the conditions for discontinuing home isolation under CDC guidelines, which are available at the following web address: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>.
11. Limited service restaurants. Bars, night clubs, and limited service restaurants, as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(22), may only serve customers seated at tables and must follow the Economic Recovery Group Guidelines (e.g., Tennessee Pledge) for restaurants in doing so, including appropriately spacing apart tables, which are set forth at the following web address: <https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/restaurant-guidelines.html>; and further provided, that such establishments may offer drive-through, pickup, carry-out, or delivery service for food or drink, and persons are highly encouraged to use such drive-through, pickup, carry-out, or delivery options to support such businesses during this emergency.
12. Take-out alcohol sales by restaurants and limited-service restaurants to continue in order to encourage carryout or delivery orders. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, and related rules and other state or local laws, orders, rules, or regulations are temporarily suspended to the extent necessary to allow restaurants and limited service restaurants, as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102, and wine-only restaurants, as permitted by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-101(c), to sell for take-out or delivery alcoholic beverages or beer, so long as the following conditions are met:
 - a. Any sale of an alcoholic beverage or beer is for consumption off of the premises of the restaurant, limited service restaurant, or wine-only restaurant (collectively referred to hereafter as "restaurant") and is accompanied by the sale of food in the same order;

- b. An alcoholic beverage or beer sold under this Paragraph 12 must be packaged in a container or bottle with a secure lid or cap and in a manner designed to prevent consumption without removal of the lid or cap, and customers shall not remove such lids or caps while operating a motor vehicle;
- c. Single servings of alcoholic beverages or beer and multi-serving bottles or containers of beer or wine normally sold by the restaurant may be sold under this Paragraph 12, but not bottles of spirits or liquor;
- d. A restaurant selling alcoholic beverages or beer under this Paragraph 12 shall prominently post a warning in a manner reasonably calculated to provide notice to customers of open container laws, which must include the following language from Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-416: "No driver shall consume any alcoholic beverage or beer or possess an open container of alcoholic beverage or beer while operating a motor vehicle in this state.";
- e. An employee or contractor of a restaurant providing or delivering alcoholic beverages or beer to a customer under this Paragraph 12 shall not provide or deliver such beverages to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age and may not provide or deliver such beverages to a person who is visibly intoxicated. Any such employee providing or delivering alcoholic beverages or beer must visually inspect a valid government-issued document deemed acceptable to the restaurant that includes the photograph and birth date of the adult consumer attempting to make an alcoholic beverage purchase and confirms that the person is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- f. A person delivering alcoholic beverages or beer under this Paragraph 12 must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and must have a valid driver license; and
- g. An alcoholic beverage or beer sold under this Paragraph 12 must be sold during current operating hours.

13. Local orders.

- a. No local orders permitted regarding dental or medical procedures. In order to ensure a comprehensive approach to the measures needed to conserve personal protective equipment, which is an issue that is statewide in scale, no local official or local governmental entity shall issue an order or measure regarding the provision of medical, dental, or oral procedures because of COVID-19 absent authority delegated by the Governor.

- b. Local orders in 89 counties without a locally run county health department (all counties except for Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Shelby, and Sullivan). The provisions of this Order shall exclusively govern on the subjects they concern in the 89 counties that do not have a locally run county health department, and this Order shall supersede and preempt any emergency order, health order, or other order issued by a local official or local governmental entity that contravenes or would limit the application of the provisions of this Order.
 - c. Local orders in six counties with a locally run county health department (Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Shelby, and Sullivan). The six locally run county health departments in Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Shelby, and Sullivan counties shall have authority to issue additional orders or measures related to the containment or management of the spread of COVID-19, which may permit to a greater degree, or restrict to a greater degree, the opening, closure, or operation of businesses, organizations, or venues in those counties or the gathering of persons; provided that no local official or local governmental entity shall issue an order or measure regarding places of worship or an order or measure that contravenes Paragraphs 6, 9, or 10. This Order shall govern on all subjects it concerns, except to the extent that the locally run county health department has issued differing local orders or measures regarding the opening, closure, or operation of businesses, organizations, or venues or the gathering of persons as provided for in this Paragraph 13.
 - d. Local orders of a proprietary nature. Nothing in this Order shall affect or limit local orders that do not contravene or limit the application of the provisions of this Order, such as orders or measures in which a local governmental entity acts in a proprietary capacity—for example, with respect to the opening or closure of governmental buildings, employee measures, or government operations.
- 14. Suspension of laws that would limit application of this Order. Any law, order, rule, or regulation that would otherwise limit the enforceability of this Order is hereby suspended, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107.
 - 15. Executive Order Nos. 30, 33, and 35. This Order supersedes and repeals the following executive orders: Executive Order No. 30, dated April 28, 2020; Executive Order No. 33, dated May 5, 2020; and Executive Order No. 35, dated May 7, 2020.
 - 16. Severability. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this Order are declared to be severable.

17. Term and effective date. This Order shall be effective and enforceable as of 12:01 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on May 22, 2020, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 30, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 22nd day of May, 2020.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE





STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 49

AN ORDER AMENDING REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING LONG-TERM-CARE FACILITY VISITATION AND TAKING OTHER NECESSARY MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE TREATMENT AND CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, I previously issued Executive Order No. 36, dated May 12, 2020, regarding necessary measures to facilitate the treatment and containment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and on May 22, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 38, which among other things continued certain limitations on nursing home and long-term-care facility visitation due to that population's unique vulnerability to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, measures remain necessary to limit community spread and facilitate containment of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and safety of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to continue nursing home and long-term-care facility visitation restrictions to limit COVID-19 exposure and spread, while recognizing the importance and benefits of visitation by family and friends for nursing home and long-term-care residents, and developing a framework to accommodate limited visitation, provided that certain safety measures are implemented; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the other emergency management powers granted by law, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107, provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to delegate such powers as deemed prudent, suspend laws and rules regarding the conduct of state business to facilitate action necessary to cope with the emergency, order evacuations from certain areas, make orders concerning entry and exit and the occupancy of premises within an emergency area, and take measures concerning the conduct of civilians and the calling of public meetings and gatherings, among other things; and

WHEREAS, the temporary suspension of selected state laws and rules and the other measures contained herein are necessary to facilitate the response to the current emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby declare that a state of emergency continues to exist in Tennessee and order the following:

Effective at 12:01 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 15, 2020, Executive Order No. 38, dated May 22, 2020, is amended by deleting Paragraph 6 in its entirety and substituting instead:

6. Visitation restrictions for elderly-citizen and care-related facilities.

- a. In order to mitigate risk of COVID-19 transmission, persons are highly encouraged to continue to use available electronic or virtual communication options to spend time with a family member, friend, fellow resident, loved one, or other person (“Resident”) in a nursing home, retirement home, long-term-care facility, or assisted-living facility (“Facility” or “Facilities”). Persons shall not visit a Resident in a Facility unless:
 - i. The Facility determines in its judgment that the visit:
 - (A)(1) Involves accommodations for support for Residents with disabilities, the provision of critical assistance to a Resident, or religious exercise; or (2) Is to a Resident receiving end-of-life care; and
 - (B) May be accomplished without unreasonable risk to other Residents or staff; or
 - ii. The Facility determines in its judgment that the visit may be conducted in accordance with the Tennessee Department of Health’s guidelines regarding Facility visitation, as may be periodically amended, which may be found at https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/LTCF_Visitation.pdf, and which permit:
 - (A) Visitation utilizing procedures designed to reduce Resident and staff risk of exposure to COVID-19, subject to any prerequisites and guidelines set forth by the Department; or
 - (B) Visitation to a Resident in a Facility when the visiting person has documentation that the visiting person has received a negative COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (“PCR”) test result from a sample taken within a specified amount of time preceding the visit, subject to any prerequisites and requirements guidelines set forth by the Department.

In making such determinations, the Facility may seek the professional medical opinion of the Resident’s treating physician or other healthcare

providers involved in the Resident's care, as well as the Facility's medical director, as applicable, on a case-by-case basis. Facilities should ensure that any Resident with disabilities is afforded visitation, as needed, by ancillary service providers (sign-language interpreters, behavioral health support personnel, etc.), or other visitation by persons necessary to support care decisions or disability-related needs, in order to maintain open lines of communication and continuation of needed services in light of individual Resident needs.

Facilities should continue to screen any permitted visitors, including support persons, for COVID-19 symptoms to reduce the risk of infection among Residents and Facility personnel.

- b. Facilities shall at all times follow the Health Guidelines and any other infection control rules, policies, or recommendations or guidance set forth by the Department of Health or other applicable state and federal agencies or departments.
- c. Facilities shall take reasonable steps to minimize the movement of staff to more than one Facility location whenever possible.
- d. Senior centers or equivalent facilities shall continue to be closed to members, customers, or the public; provided, that staff and volunteers may provide services via electronic or virtual means as circumstances permit.

Effective immediately, Paragraph 20.2 of Executive Order No. 36, dated May 12, 2020, is amended by deleting the paragraph in its entirety and substituting instead:

20.2 Application deadline for tax relief is extended through July 1, 2020. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 7, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend until July 1, 2020, the deadline for filing applications for tax relief and tax freeze.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 12th day of June, 2020.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE





STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 50

**AN ORDER TO FACILITATE AND RESPOND TO CONTINUING EFFECTS OF COVID-19
BY EXTENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 36 & 38 (AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 49)**

WHEREAS, each Tennessean should continue to protect themselves and others by following applicable health guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other leading medical experts to slow the spread of this virus, including practicing social distancing, effective personal hygiene practices, and other measures to contain Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a threat to our citizens, our healthcare systems, and our economy, requiring ongoing regulatory flexibility to cope with continuing effects and risks due to the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the other powers granted by law, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e), provides, among other things, that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to suspend laws and rules regarding the conduct of state business if necessary to cope with an emergency, utilize all available state and local resources needed to combat an emergency, and take measures concerning the conduct of civilians and the calling of public meetings and gatherings, among other things; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority and the general emergency management powers of the Governor under law, the temporary suspension of selected state laws and rules and the other measures contained herein are necessary to facilitate the response to the ongoing effects of the emergency resulting from COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby declare a continuing state of emergency and major disaster in order to facilitate the response to COVID-19 and accordingly order the extension of the provisions of Executive Order No. 36 and Executive Order No. 38, as amended by Executive Order No. 49, subject to minor amendments

reflected below, until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020, and, to implement this extension, more specifically order the following:

Effective at 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 30, 2020, Paragraph Nos. 7.4 and 41 of Executive Order No. 36, dated May 12, 2020, are hereby deleted and the following language is substituted instead:

- 7.4 In-person and live continuing education requirements are suspended for health care professionals. The provisions of the rules and policies adopted pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 63 and 68, regarding continuing education credits and hours for health care professionals are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement that any continuing education credits and hours be obtained in-person or at a live event for credit and hours earned from March 12, 2020, through the expiration of this Order. Such rules and policies are further suspended to the extent necessary to allow the Commissioner of Health to adopt policies necessary to comply with the suspension of in-person and live continuing education requirements, and the Commissioner of Health is hereby directed to adopt policies to that effect. Nothing in this provision suspends the requirements that health care professionals obtain a certain number of continuing education credits or hours.
41. Term and effective date. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Order shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020.

Effective at 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 30, 2020, Paragraph No. 17 of Executive Order No. 38, dated May 22, 2020, is hereby deleted and the following language is substituted instead:

17. Term and effective date. This Order shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020.


The provisions of Executive Order No. 49 amending Executive Order Nos. 36 and 38 remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 29th day of June, 2020.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE





STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 51

AN ORDER EXTENDING SAFE, OPEN, AND TRANSPARENT PUBLIC MEETINGS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS WHILE DETERMINATIONS OF HOW TO RETURN TO SAFE, IN-PERSON MEETINGS REMAIN ONGOING

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 16, which allowed governing bodies to meet electronically regarding essential business in light of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), so long as they provided electronic access to the public and met the safeguards established in that Order to ensure the openness and transparency of the proceedings, and this order was extended by Executive Order No. 34, effective May 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a threat to our citizens and it is imperative to ensure that gatherings are conducted in a safe way, and therefore an extension of Executive Order No. 16 (previously extended by Executive Order No. 34) is warranted to ensure that governmental entities are able to carry out essential business in a safe, transparent way without creating large gatherings in a confined space and endangering persons, particularly those at increased risk of suffering severe illness from COVID-19, while determinations of how best to return to safe, in-person governmental meetings remain ongoing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the other powers granted by law, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e), provides, among other things, that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to suspend laws and rules regarding the conduct of state business if necessary to cope with an emergency, utilize all available state and local resources needed to combat an emergency, and take measures concerning the conduct of civilians and the calling of public meetings and gatherings, among other things; and

WHEREAS, the suspension of selected state laws and rules and the other measures contained herein are necessary to facilitate the response to the current emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby declare a continuing state of emergency to facilitate the response to COVID-19 and order the extension of the provisions of Executive Order No. 16 (previously extended by Executive

Order No. 34) until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020, and, to implement this extension, more specifically order the following:

Effective immediately, Paragraph No. 5 of Executive Order No. 16, dated March 20, 2020, is hereby deleted and the following language is substituted instead:

5. This Order shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020, at which time the suspension of any state laws and rules and my authorization pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-118, shall cease and be of no further force or effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 29th day of June, 2020.

Bill Lee

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

TC Hayes by Maria Patricia
SECRETARY OF STATE





STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 52

**AN ORDER EXTENDING REMOTE NOTARIZATION AND WITNESSING OF
DOCUMENTS TO FURTHER CONTAIN COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 26, which allowed for remote notarization and remote witnessing of documents, subject to compliance with certain procedures, so that Tennesseans could continue to engage in commerce and execute legal documents without requiring in-person contact that might lead to exposure to, or the spread of, COVID-19, and this order was extended by Executive Order No. 37, effective May 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a threat to our citizens and therefore an extension of the provisions of Executive Order No. 26 (as extended by Executive Order No. 37) is necessary to ensure that persons, and particularly populations especially vulnerable to COVID-19, including older adults and persons with compromised immune systems or serious chronic medical conditions, can continue to avoid in-person contact to the greatest extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, other than omitting Paragraph 4.1, this Order is substantively identical to Executive Order No. 37 (which extended Executive Order No. 26), and the provisions are restated below simply for purposes of updating the effective dates and executive order numbers in Paragraph 3.f.; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the other emergency management powers granted by law, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e), provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to suspend laws and rules regarding the conduct of state business if necessary to cope with the emergency, make orders concerning entry and exit and the occupancy of premises within an emergency area, and take measures concerning the conduct of civilians and the calling of public meetings and gatherings, among other things; and

WHEREAS, the temporary suspension of selected state laws and rules and the other measures contained herein are necessary to facilitate the response to the current emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, in light of the continuing state of emergency to facilitate the response to COVID-19, do hereby order the following:

1. Definitions.

- a. “Document” as used in this Order means an instrument, trust, will, living will, durable health care power of attorney, durable power of attorney, deed, or other legal document;
- b. “Signatory” as used in this Order means a person or persons who execute or sign (“execute”, “executed”, or “execution”) a Document; and
- c. “Witness(es)” as used in this Order means a person or persons who acknowledge, attest, or otherwise witness (“witness” or “witnessing”) the execution or signing of a Document by a Signatory, and/or a person or persons who witness an act performed by another Witness(es).

2. Purpose. The purpose of this Order is to permit remote notarization and remote witnessing of Documents to allow persons to engage in commerce and execute legal documents without the need for in-person contact that creates the risk of exposure to or spread of COVID-19. The provisions of this Order should be liberally construed to effectuate this purpose.

3. Remote notarization and witnessing permitted. Any law, including, but not limited to, the common law, the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 16, and Titles 32, 34, 66, and 68, and any related rules, requiring a Signatory to execute a Document in the physical presence of, or while physically appearing before, a notary public or Witness(es), or requiring a Witness(es) to witness a Document in the physical presence of, or while physically appearing before, a notary public or another Witness(es), is hereby suspended to the extent necessary to permit remote notarization and remote witnessing under the following conditions:

- a. Execution by a Signatory, witnessing by Witness(es), and notarization by a notary public, as applicable, must occur via real-time audio and visual communication means where the Signatory, the notary public, and Witness(es), as applicable, can see and hear one another simultaneously, including, but not limited to, videoconference technology such as Skype, FaceTime, Zoom, WebEx, and other similar communication technologies;
- b. The Signatory, notary public, and Witness(es), as applicable, must each be physically located in Tennessee during the real-time audio and visual communication;

- c. The notary public and Witness(es), as applicable, through use of the real-time audio and visual communication, must verify the identity of the Signatory, by personal knowledge or by government-issued identification at the time that execution occurs;
 - d. The Signatory and Witness(es), as applicable, must affirmatively identify on the real-time audio and visual communication the Document being executed and witnessed, as applicable;
 - e. The execution and witnessing, as applicable, must be captured sufficiently close on the real-time audio and visual communication for the notary public and Witness(es), as applicable, to observe;
 - f. The Document must include a provision stating that it was executed in compliance with, as applicable, Executive Order No. 26 by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, dated April 9, 2020, Executive Order No. 37 by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, dated May 12, 2020, and/or Executive Order No. 52 by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, dated June 29, 2020; and
 - g. The execution, witnessing, or notarization of a Document, as applicable, must be memorialized by at least one of the following methods:
 - i. Counterparts. Persons who execute, witness, or notarize a Document, as applicable, while in different locations from one another execute, witness, or notarize separate signature pages in counterparts; or
 - ii. Subsequent notarization or witnessing of original Document. The Document is executed by the Signatory, and then the applicable notary public or Witness(es), or a combination thereof, subsequently notarizes or witnesses the original Document executed by the Signatory. Such notarizing or witnessing shall be deemed to be carried out at the time of the execution by the Signatory as long as the notarizing or witnessing is completed not later than ten calendar days from the date of the execution of the Document.
4. Online Notary Act. The provisions and requirements of the Online Notary Public Act, Title 8, Chapter 16, Part 3, are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to permit a notary public to remotely notarize a Document in accordance with this Order; provided, that nothing herein shall prevent an online notary public from electing to notarize a Document pursuant to the provisions of the Online Notary Public Act, and compliance with the Online Notary Public Act shall continue to have full force and effect under law.
- 4.1 [OMITTED]

5. Suspension of laws that would limit application of this Order. Any law, order, executive order, rule, or regulation that would otherwise limit the enforceability of this Order is hereby suspended, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107.
6. Severability. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this Order are declared to be severable.
7. Term and effective date. This Order shall be effective and enforceable at 12:01 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on June 30, 2020, and shall remain in effect until 12:01 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020, at which time the suspension of any state laws and rules and the other provisions of this Order shall cease and be of no further force or effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 29th day of June, 2020.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

