

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER N-17-21**

**WHEREAS** on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** on March 21, 2020, I issued Executive Order N-35-20 to provide flexibility to non-hospital settings such as clinics, hospice, mobile healthcare units, and adult day health care facilities to ensure that Californians impacted by COVID-19 are able to access medical treatment; and

**WHEREAS** California continues to prioritize efforts to vaccinate all eligible individuals against COVID-19, including ensuring access to boosters, and to support robust COVID-19 testing capacity as critical tools in the efforts to protect public health and mitigate the impacts of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS** continued flexibility in non-hospital settings remains necessary to support these ongoing testing and vaccination efforts and to minimize the threat of COVID-19 to Californians and healthcare workers alike; and

**WHEREAS** on March 24, 2020, I issued Executive Order N-36-20, which suspended in-person parole hearings and directed the Board of Parole Hearings to conduct hearings by videoconference to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** on July 5, 2021, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 145 (AB 145), which in relevant part amended Penal Code section 3041.6 to allow the Board of Parole Hearings to conduct proceedings by videoconference, which I signed into law on July 16; and

**WHEREAS** on September 27, 2021, the Office of Administrative Law approved the Board's emergency regulations relating to videoconference hearings authorized pursuant to AB 145, effective immediately; and

**WHEREAS** in light of the Legislature's action and the approval of the emergency regulations, I have determined that my prior Order is no longer necessary; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes, regulations, and certain local ordinances specified or referenced herein would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1) Paragraph 7(a) of Executive Order N-08-21 is hereby withdrawn and replaced with the following text:

Paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-35-20 shall remain in place and shall have full force and effect through December 31, 2021, after which time this provision shall be deemed expired.

- 2) Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Executive Order N-36-20 are hereby rescinded. Any extensions granted under those paragraphs are also rescinded, effective immediately.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 4th day of October 2021.



GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.  
Secretary of State