

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER N-21-21**

**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** in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and increased spread of the Delta variant, on August 16, 2021, I issued Executive Order N-12-21 to ensure the State's health care facilities continue to have the staffing and resources needed to prevent potential strain on the State's health care delivery system; and

**WHEREAS** on October 4, 2021, I issued Executive Order N-17-21 to extend flexibilities allowing the State to increase health care capacity to support ongoing testing and vaccination efforts and minimize the threat of COVID-19 to Californians; and

**WHEREAS** California has stopped recording week-over-week declines in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, which demonstrates a plateau and the potential beginning of a new surge in COVID-19 cases; and

**WHEREAS** as flu season approaches, it is critical that California's health care facilities, already short-staffed and backlogged from the Delta variant and with high-levels of non-COVID-19 admissions, have the flexibilities that they need for additional capacity and to prevent staffing shortages; and

**WHEREAS** California continues to prioritize efforts to vaccinate all eligible individuals against COVID-19, including ensuring access to boosters and vaccines for newly eligible populations; and

**WHEREAS** supporting robust COVID-19 testing capacity remains critical 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 vulnerable Californians; 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. The timeframes set forth in Executive Order N-12-21, paragraphs 1 through 6, are hereby extended through March 31, 2022.
2. The timeframe set forth in Executive Order N-17-21, Paragraph 1, is hereby extended through March 31, 2022.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY WEBER, PH.D.  
Secretary of State