



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

### RENEWAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY

- WHEREAS:** On March 14, 2020, due to the impact of COVID-19 on the State of Georgia, I issued Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01, declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia General Assembly concurred with Executive Order 03.14.20.01 by joint resolution on March 16, 2020; and
- WHEREAS:** On April 8, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until May 13, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 04.08.20.02; and
- WHEREAS:** On April 30, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until June 12, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 04.30.20.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On May 28, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until July 12, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 05.28.20.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On June 29, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until August 11, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 06.29.20.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On July 31, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until September 10, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 07.31.20.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On August 31, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until October 10, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 08.31.20.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On September 30, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until November 9, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 09.30.20.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On October 30, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until December 9, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 10.30.20.01; and

**WHEREAS:** On November 30, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until January 8, 2021 by issuing Executive Order 11.30.20.01; and

**WHEREAS:** On December 30, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until February 7, 2021 by issuing Executive Order 12.30.20.01; and

**WHEREAS:** On January 29, 2021, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until March 7, 2021 by issuing Executive Order 01.29.21.01; and

**WHEREAS:** Code Section 38-3-51 vests the Governor with the power to renew any State of Emergency for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days; and

**WHEREAS:** There exists a continued need for protecting vulnerable populations, providing comprehensive testing, permitting economic flexibility with reduced regulations, providing increased hospital capacity, and allowing the state expanded flexibility for procurement; and

**WHEREAS:** In consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, the Director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, the Adjutant General of the Georgia National Guard, and other state health and emergency preparedness officials, I have determined the public health emergency created by the spread of COVID-19 persists in the State, and that it is necessary and appropriate to renew the Public Health State of Emergency for thirty (30) days.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 38-3-51, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That the Public Health State of Emergency declared by Executive Order 03.14.20.01 and renewed by Executive Orders 04.08.20.02, 04.30.20.01, 05.28.20.01, 06.29.20.01, 07.31.20.01, 08.31.20.01, 09.30.20.01, 10.30.20.01, 11.30.20.01, 12.30.20.01, and 01.29.21.01, which is set to expire on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 11:59 P.M., shall be renewed for thirty (30) days.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the Public Health State of Emergency shall terminate on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 11:59 P.M., unless it is renewed by the Governor.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the terms of Executive Orders 03.14.20.01, 04.08.20.02, 04.30.20.01, 05.28.20.01, 06.29.20.01, 07.31.20.01, 08.31.20.01, 09.30.20.01, 10.30.20.01, 11.30.20.01, 12.30.20.01, and 01.29.21.01 are hereby adopted by reference.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That Executive Order 04.08.20.05 is hereby extended for a period of thirty (30) days, and shall expire on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 11:59 P.M.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall conflict with the provisions of any previous Executive Order or Agency Administrative Order, the provisions of this Order shall control. Further, in the event of any conflict, the provisions of any Quarantine or Isolation Order issued to a specific person by the Department of Public Health shall control.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That nothing in this Order shall be construed to suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms or ammunition, or any component thereof.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That no provision of this Order shall limit, infringe, suspend, or supplant any rights conferred by or any judicial order, judgment, or decree issued pursuant to the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States, nor shall any person use any provision this Order as a defense to an action in violation of a judicial order, judgment, or decree by any court created pursuant to

the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States.

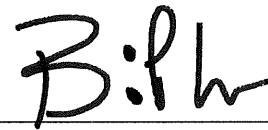
**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** The Office of the Governor may continue to issue guidance on the scope of this Order as needed through communication media, including social media, without need for further Executive Orders.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** All provisions of this Order shall become effective upon signature.

This 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR