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ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-22
Issued December 30, 2022

Rescinding Certain Public Health Emergency Orders

On May 28, 2021, pursuant to Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, Governor Charles D. Baker declared that an emergency exists that is detrimental to the public health in the Commonwealth due to the continuing threat of COVID-19, and authorized the Commissioner, with the approval of the Public Health Council, to adopt measures to facilitate COVID-19 testing and vaccination, to mandate special measures to protect higher risk populations or to effectuate continued surveillance of COVID-19, and to respond as necessary to outbreaks of the virus as they may arise.

Consistent with the Governor's May 28, 2021 declaration, on June 9, 2021, the Public Health Council approved and authorized the Commissioner of Public Health to take such actions, incur such liabilities and establish such rules, requirements and procedures which are necessary to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.

Having received that authorization from the Council and with the approval of the Governor, I issued various COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Orders. Certain of these Orders Where the Commonwealth has implemented a sustained, robust, and effective public health response to COVID-19, certain of these Orders will no longer be necessary by February 15, 2023.

Accordingly, I hereby order that the following COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Orders shall be rescinded in full and shall have no further effect:

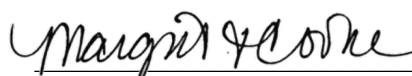
- a. COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-7, issued September 2, 2021, authorizing certain access to the Massachusetts Immunization Information System;
- b. COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-08, issued January 21, 2022, regarding medication administration in Houses of Correction and Department of Correction facilities.
- c. COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-10, issued February 4, 2022, regarding non-essential, non-urgent scheduled procedures.

In order to permit orderly return to regular processes and implementation of updated regulations, the rescissions of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-7 and COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-08 shall be effective February 15, 2023. The rescission of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-10 shall be effective immediately.

Additionally, I hereby order that COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-16, issued June 27, 2022, regarding use of rescue inhalers and epinephrine autoinjectors in community programs, shall remain in effect until February 15, 2023.

Any guidance or other implementation of the above rescinded Orders issued by the Department or any other agency shall likewise be withdrawn and rescinded as of 12:01 AM on February 15, 2023, and shall have no further effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Margret R. Cooke

Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

December 30, 2022