



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

August 15, 2022

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 267

TERMINATION OF THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the undersigned issued Exec. Order No. 116, 34 N.C. Reg. 1744-1749 (April 1, 2020), which declared a State of Emergency to coordinate the state's response and protective actions to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") public health emergency and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for the purpose of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the people of North Carolina, the undersigned has issued Executive Order Nos. 116-122, 124-125, 129-131, 133-136, 138-144, 146-153, 155-157, 161-165, 169-173, 176-177, 180-181, 183-185, 188-193, 195, 197-198, 200, 204-207, 209-212, 215-217, 219-221, 224-225, 228-232, 234, 236, 238-240, 244-245, 252-253, 256-257, 261, and 265; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the undersigned took a science and data-driven approach to implementing public health measures to curb the spread of the virus, protect public health, and advance the state's economy in a safe and effective way, which is in the best interest of all North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic led to extraordinary levels of work, cooperation, and coordination among state government agencies in the interest of protecting public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, executive orders issued under the State of Emergency protected public health and enabled health care facilities and providers to respond most effectively to the COVID-19 pandemic, helping save lives during the course of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, executive orders issued under the State of Emergency provided the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS") flexibility to waive certain regulations in order to address health care facility and provider needs in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, NCDHHS requested statutory authority to waive those regulations without need for further executive orders, which was provided in N.C. Sess. Laws 2022-74, enacted July 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, with vaccines, treatments, and other tools to combat COVID-19 widely available, and with legislation now providing the flexibility for NCDHHS and North Carolina's health care providers to respond to COVID-19, the undersigned, in consultation with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety and NCDHHS, has determined that the State of Emergency may be terminated at the end of the day on August 15, 2022; and

Statutory Authority and Determinations

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 116 invoked the Emergency Management Act, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A, which authorizes the undersigned to exercise the powers and duties set forth therein to direct and aid in the response to, recovery from, and mitigation against emergencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.10(b)(2), the undersigned may make, amend, or rescind necessary orders, rules, and regulations within the limits of the authority conferred upon the Governor in the Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.20(c), a State of Emergency declared pursuant to that section shall expire when rescinded by the authority that issued it.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, and for the reasons and pursuant to the authority set forth above, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1. Termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.20(c), the State of Emergency that was declared by Executive Order No. 116 on March 10, 2020, is hereby rescinded effective as of the end of the day on August 15, 2022. All other provisions of Executive Order No. 116, and all other Executive Orders conditioned upon the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order No. 116 are also rescinded as of that date and time.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Executive Order is effective at the end of the day on August 15, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 15th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.



Roy Cooper
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

