IN THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

March 4, 2022

Executive Order 2022-07

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-07 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 102)

WHEREAS, since early March 2020, Illinois has faced a pandemic that has caused extraordinary sickness and loss of life, infecting over 3,037,000, and taking the lives of more than 32,900 residents; and,

WHEREAS, as Illinois continues to respond to the public health disaster caused by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a novel severe acute respiratory illness that spreads rapidly through respiratory transmissions, the burden on residents, healthcare providers, first responders, and governments throughout the State has been unprecedented; and,

WHEREAS, protecting the health and safety of Illinoisans is among the most important functions of State government; and,

WHEREAS, numerous variants have emerged over the course of the pandemic, each with different transmissibility and degrees of severity; and,

WHEREAS, predicting what will happen in the future in this pandemic is a difficult task, and proven pandemic mitigations such as social distancing, face coverings and other public health precautions that are critical to slowing and stopping the spread of COVID-19 may be required again; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has seen vast improvement in recent weeks of hospitalizations and transmission; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued revised guidance on February 25, 2022 to lift its recommendation for universal indoor masking, including in K-12 settings; and,

WHEREAS, that guidance provided a framework for assessing community COVID-19 levels based on COVID-19 hospital admissions, inpatient bed availability, and number of COVID-19 cases; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC's guidance now only recommends universal masking in communities with high community COVID-19 levels; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC continues to advise that some community settings, such as schools and high-risk congregate settings may require additional layers of prevention based on the characteristics of the setting and in the event of an outbreak; and,

WHEREAS, even without a State mandate, K-12 schools, childcare facilities, and other settings may choose to require individuals to wear face masks based on the community COVID-19 level and other characteristics of the setting; and,

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WHEREAS, some employers have entered collective bargaining agreements that continue to require individuals to wear face masks in certain settings, in addition to other mitigation measures; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC continues to recommend that individuals who are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease consider wearing a well-fitting mask indoors in public when the community COVID-19 level is high; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC continues to recommend that people with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 wear a mask; and,

WHEREAS, individuals may choose to wear a mask at any time to protect themselves or those around them from spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2022-03 imposed requirements on schools to exclude confirmed, probable, and close contacts of COVID-19 cases, consistent with the CDC's guidance; and,

WHEREAS, given the continued decline in COVID-19 positivity and hospitalization rates, I find it is no longer necessary to extend Executive Order 2022-03; and,

WHEREAS, schools continue to have long-standing authority to address confirmed, suspected, and contacts of infectious disease cases, including COVID-19, independent of Executive Order 2022-03; and,

WHEREAS, CDC guidance continues to recommend that individuals who are not up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations or within 90 days of COVID-19 infection stay at home and quarantine for at least 5 days after exposure to COVID-19 and wear a mask until day 10; and,

WHEREAS, CDC guidance continues to recommend that individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 stay at home and isolate for at least 5 days after testing positive and wear a mask until day 10; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC continues to recommend that students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness, including COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, schools should continue to collaborate with their local health departments to determine, consistent with CDC guidance, which students, teachers, and staff with positive COVID-19 results or exposure should stay home for the health and safety of the school community; and,

WHEREAS, as COVID-19 has spread in Illinois over the course of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations, the circumstances causing a disaster throughout the State have changed and continue to change, making definitive predictions of the course the virus will take over the coming months extremely difficult; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to causing the tragic loss of more than 32,900 Illinoisans and negatively impacting the physical health of tens of thousands more, COVID-19 has caused extensive economic loss and continues to threaten the financial welfare of a significant number of individuals and businesses across the nation and the State; and,

WHEREAS, many executive agencies in the State continue to focus their limited resources on the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2022, considering the expected continuing spread of COVID-19 and the ongoing health and economic impacts that that will be felt over the coming month by people across the State, I declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the epidemic emergency and public health emergency described above, I find it necessary to re-issue Executive Orders 2020-04, 2020-09, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-15, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-26, 2020-27, 2020-30, 2020-36, 2020-45, 2020-

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50, 2020-68, 2021-03, 2021-12, 2021-18, 2021-22, 2021-28, 2021-31, and 2022-06 and hereby incorporate the WHEREAS clauses of those Executive Orders;

THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me as the Governor of the State of Illinois, pursuant to the Illinois Constitution and Sections 7(1), 7(2), 7(3), 7(8), 7(9), and 7(12) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305, and consistent with the powers in public health laws, I hereby order the following, effective March 4, 2022:

Part 1: Re-Issue of Executive Orders.

Executive Orders 2020-04, 2020-09, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-15, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-26, 2020-27, 2020-30, 2020-36, 2020-45, 2020-50, 2020-68, 2021-03, 2021-12, 2021-18, 2021-22, 2021-28, 2021-31, and 2022-06 are hereby re-issued as follows:

Executive Order 2020-04 (Waiver of sick leave requirement for State employees):

Section 3 of Executive Order 2020-04 is re-issued and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2020-09 (Telehealth):

Sections 9 and 10 of Executive Order 2020-09, as amended by Executive Order 2021-15, the re-issued and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2020-11 (Illinois Department of Corrections notification period):

Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-11 is re-issued and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2020-12 (Health care worker background checks; Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice notification period):

Sections 1 and 3 of Executive Order 2020-12 are re-issued and extended through **April 2**, **2022**.

Executive Order 2020-15 (Suspending provisions of the Illinois School Code):

Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Executive Order 2020-15 are re-issued and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2020-20 (Public assistance requirements):

Executive Order 2020-20 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2020-21 (Furlough of Illinois Department of Corrections inmates):

Executive Order 2020-21 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2020-23 (Actions by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for licensed professionals engaged in disaster response):

Executive Order 2020-23 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2020-24 (Illinois Department of Human Services Forensic Treatment Program):

Sections 1 and 3 of Executive Order 2020-24 are re-issued and extended through **April 2**, **2022**.

Executive Order 2020-26 (Hospital capacity):

Sections 1, 2(a), (d), (f), and (g), 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Executive Order 2020-26, as amended by Executive Order 2022-04, are re-issued and extended through **April 2, 2022**.

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Executive Order 2020-27 (Cadavers testing positive for COVID-19):

Executive Order 2020-27 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2020-30 (Expired consular identification documents; electronic filings for the Illinois Human Rights Commission):

Sections, 1, 4, 5, and 6 of Executive Order 2020-30 are re-issued and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2020-36 (Marriage licenses):

Executive Order 2020-36 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2020-45 (Cannabis licenses):

Executive Order 2020-45 is re-issued in its entirety and shall remain in effect as specified by Executive Order 2020-45.

Executive Order 2020-50 (Resuming transfers from county jails to Illinois Department of Corrections):

Executive Order 2020-50 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2020-68 (Cannabis registry identification card renewals):

Executive Order 2020-68, as amended by Executive Order 2021-05, is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2021-03 (Regional mitigation metrics):

Executive Order 2021-03 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2021-12 (Phase 5 reopening):

Executive Order 2021-12, as amended by Executive Order 2021-15, is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2021-18 (Mitigation measures):

Sections 1(b), 2(b), 3, 4, and 5 of Executive Order 2021-18, as amended by Executive Order 2021-19, are re-issued and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2021-22 (Vaccination and testing requirements):

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Executive Order 2021-22, as amended by Executive Order 2021-23, Executive Order 2021-27, Executive Order 2022-01, and Executive Order 2022-05 are re-issued and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2021-28 (Day care vaccination and testing requirements):

Executive Order 2021-28, as amended by Executive Order 2021-30, is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2021-31 (Suspending requirements for social workers):

Executive Order 2021-31 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Executive Order 2022-06 (Face covering requirements):

Executive Order 2022-06 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through April 2, 2022.

Part 2: Savings Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are declared to be severable.

B Pritzker, Governor

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