

State of Delaware



**Executive Department
Dover**

TERMINATION OF THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2022, I issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to a Public Health Threat from the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and its highly transmissible variants to combat the winter surge of COVID-19 and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, since that time, I have revised the Declaration of State of Emergency Due to a Public Health Threat to address the public health threat caused by COVID-19 by increasing or removing restrictions as the facts and circumstances warranted with several revisions and related orders, following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Delaware Division of Public Health (“DPH”); and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2022, I issued a First Extension of Declaration of a Public of Emergency Due to a Public Health Threat; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2022, the CDC issued updated guidance that measures the impact of COVID-19 illness on health and the healthcare system by “COVID-19 community level” metrics based on three pieces of data in a community: new COVID-19 hospitalizations, hospital capacity and new COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, based on this updated guidance, more than 70% of the United States population, including all counties in Delaware, are now in an area with low or medium COVID-19 community levels and the CDC supports removing certain COVID-19 restrictions in those areas, including indoor masking; and

WHEREAS, the State has thus far administered over 1,731,951 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to individuals that live, work, and are educated in Delaware, and all individuals ages 5 and older are eligible to receive the vaccine; and

WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, Delaware's preventative measures, the cooperation of Delawareans, and our vaccination efforts have dramatically reduced COVID-19 cases in this State, greatly reducing the loss of life; and

WHEREAS, to continue to prevent the spread of the highly transmissible variants of the coronavirus to those not vaccinated and to continue to vaccinate Delawareans, I issued a limited Public Health Emergency declaration on March 1, 2022, which shall become effective on March 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. E.S.T.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN C. CARNEY, do hereby declare:

1. For the reasons stated herein, my Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to a Public Health Threat, dated January 3, 2022, and effective as of 11:30 a.m. E.S.T, including all its related orders, is hereby terminated as of Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. E.S.T.

APPROVED this 1st day of March 2022 at 8:45 a.m.


