

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2021-119
October 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Extension of Public Emergency

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 422 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, Pub. L. 93-198, 87 Stat. 790, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22 (2016 Repl.); section 5 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective March 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-149, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304 (2018 Repl.); section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002, D.C. Law 14-194, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01 (2018 Repl.); and section 1 of An Act To Authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make regulations to prevent and control the spread of communicable and preventable diseases, approved August 11, 1939, 53 Stat. 1408, D.C. Official Code §§ 7-131 *et seq.* (2018 Repl.); and in accordance with the Public Emergency Extension and Eviction and Utility Moratorium Phasing Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective July 24, 2021, D.C. Act 24-125, and the Foreclosure Moratorium Extension, Scheduled Eviction Assistance, Public Emergency Extension, and FOIA Tolling Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective October 7, 2021, D.C. Act 24-178, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

I. BACKGROUND

1. The findings of prior Mayor's Orders relating to the COVID-19 public emergencies are hereby incorporated into this Order.
2. More than 18 months after the World Health Organization declared a pandemic and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Mayor of the District of Columbia declared a public health emergency for the 2019 novel coronavirus, more than 43.8 million Americans have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and more than 706,000 have died from the disease. Locally, transmission stands at a seven-day average of 20.0 new daily cases per 100,000 persons; total infections in the District have risen to 61,978; and tragically, 1,180 District residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19.
3. COVID-19 vaccines provide highly effective protection against the worst effects of the virus, including hospitalization and death. The District's vaccination campaign – including incentives and vaccination requirements for certain sectors, such as District employees, health care licensees, and those working regularly in schools or

child care facilities – has helped maintain higher-than-average vaccination rates in the District and has spared our community from the worst of the recent COVID-19 surge caused by the delta variant. To date, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 79% of District residents aged 12 and older have received at least one dose of an approved vaccine; and almost 92% of District residents aged 65 and older have received at least one dose of an approved vaccine.

4. However, given the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, the risk of new variants, and the recovery efforts associated with the impacts of COVID-19, including efforts related to the economy, in-person education, and public safety, the District must remain in a public emergency to appropriately protect public health and provide the authority necessary to modify procedures, deadlines, and standards authorized during this declared emergency. By extending the public emergency, the District can continue to respond expeditiously and safely to COVID-19 and its ongoing impacts.
5. Therefore, this Mayor's Order extends the COVID-19 public emergency until January 7, 2022.

II. EXTENSION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY AND CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER PUBLIC EMERGENCY

1. The COVID-19 public emergency declared by Mayor's Order 2020-045, dated March 11, 2020, is hereby extended until January 7, 2022.
2. In accordance with Mayor's Order 2020-045, dated March 11, 2020, and its subsequent extensions, the City Administrator, in consultation with the directors of the Department of Health and the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency ("HSEMA"), remain authorized to implement any measures necessary or appropriate to protect persons and property in the District of Columbia from the impacts of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, economic impacts of both the disease and the measures taken to stop its spread.
3. Such measures may include all actions authorized under D.C. Official Code § 7-2304(b) and other Mayor's Orders and instructions from the City Administrator's Office and emergency response team to date, including but not limited to:
 - a. Requesting federal disaster assistance, and federal relief and recovery grants and accessing all federal programs relating to the emergency;


- b. Entering into or continuing participation in any programs, agreements, and/or contracts, including on an emergency basis, whose primary purpose is to assist in responding to the effects of COVID-19;
 - c. Exercising operational control over all District government agencies and departments;
 - d. Maintaining partial or full activation of the District's Emergency Operations Center ("EOC"), including personnel detailed to the EOC by other agencies, at the discretion of the City Administrator, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice and the HSEMA Director;
 - e. Maintaining, as needed, sites for isolation and quarantine, and emergency programs for medically vulnerable individuals; and
 - f. Continuing to issue guidance, including binding rules, to agencies, businesses, and organizations to aid them in maintaining safe operations.
4. Any existing delegations of emergency response measures, such as those outlined in Mayor's Order 2020-079, dated July 22, 2020; grantmaking authority provided by Mayor's Orders 2020-094, dated September 16, 2020, 2020-122, dated December 3, 2020, 2021-033 and 2021-034, dated March 9, 2021; and any substantially similar orders shall remain in effect unless otherwise noted herein.

III. SUPERSESION

This Order supersedes Mayor's Order 2021-096, dated July 24, 2021, and any other prior Mayor's Order issued during the COVID-19 public emergency and public health emergency to the extent of any inconsistencies.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

This Order shall be effective on Friday, October 8, 2021, at 12:01 a.m., unless otherwise noted herein, and shall continue to be in effect through the duration of the public emergency, or until this Order is repealed, modified, or superseded.



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
KIMBERLY A. BASSETT
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA