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BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR**

**Executive Order 2020-08**

**Second Extension of State of Emergency Declared in Executive Order 2020-04**

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-04, An order declaring a state of emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor activated the Emergency Operations Center at the Incident Planning and Operations Center in Concord to assist in the State's response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, April 3, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-05, an order extending the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04 for an additional 21 days; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 24, 2020, during the State of Emergency, the Governor has issued Emergency Orders that, among other things, (i) require public K-12 schools to transition to remote instruction and support, (ii) prohibit scheduled gatherings of 10 or more and require restaurants and bars to transition to take-out and delivery only, (iii) temporarily prohibit disconnection or discontinuance of certain services, including public utilities, in the event of non-payment, (iv) temporarily prohibit evictions and foreclosures, (v) dramatically expand access to State unemployment benefits for individuals impacted by COVID-19, (vi) close non-essential businesses and mandate that Granite Staters stay home with limited exceptions, (vii) expand access to Telehealth Services to protect the public and healthcare providers, and (viii) restrict hotels and other lodging providers to provision of lodging for vulnerable populations and essential workers; and

**WHEREAS**, as of Friday, April 24, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that every U.S. state has reported cases of COVID-19 to the CDC, and that 828,441 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have occurred in the United States and territorial partners with 46,397 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, experts anticipate that while a high percentage of individuals affected by COVID-19 will experience mild flu-like symptoms, some will have severe symptoms and require hospitalization, particularly individuals who are elderly or already have underlying chronic health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, experts indicate that COVID-19 is most commonly spread from an infected symptomatic person to others through respiratory droplets, including:

- Through the air by coughing and sneezing;

**WHEREAS**, the response to this public health emergency is going to require additional time and extending the State of Emergency is critical to continue that work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher T. Sununu**, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me pursuant to part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution and New Hampshire RSA 4:45, I do hereby renew the Declaration of a State of Emergency due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and extend the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04 for a period of 21 days.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THAT:**

1. All provisions of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, and all Emergency Orders issued pursuant thereto, shall remain in full force and effect through the expiration date of this Executive Order 2020-08.
2. All executive branch actions taken pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, and the associated Emergency Orders shall remain in full force and effect through the expiration date of this Executive Order 2020-08.
3. In the interest of public transparency and recordkeeping, all additional Emergency Orders, temporary orders, directives, rules, and regulations made for the purpose of responding to the State of Emergency hereby extended shall be issued pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05 and 2020-08 and be reflected as such in writing on the Governor's Office website.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 24th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-four.



**GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**