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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-74

20-74.1

Behavioral Health Association, Children's Long-Term Inpatient Program and Residential Treatment Facilities – Operations and Visitation

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued several amendatory proclamations, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 among persons who live and work in congregate settings, and many residents, patients and staff are at increased risk for severe COVID-19, including individuals in facilities administered by the Department of Social and Health Services Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), those facilities operated for the Children's Long-Term Inpatient Program (CLIP) as contracted by the Health Care Authority (HCA), and Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF) as licensed by the Department of Health (DOH); and

WHEREAS, facility residents, staff, vendors, and visitors can introduce COVID-19 into a BHA, CLIP, or RTF and start an outbreak or spread an existing outbreak into a new population; and

WHEREAS, congregate settings have experienced both the earliest and some of the most severe outbreaks of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, I previously issued Proclamations 20-06 and 20-16, waiving and suspending specified statutes and rules, and prohibiting specified activities related to congregate living and care facilities and other subjects; and

WHEREAS, I previously issued Proclamation 20-25 et seq., which during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic prohibited all people in Washington State from leaving their homes except under certain circumstances and limitations, and then transitioned to a phased reopening of counties in accordance with specific guidance issued by my office and by the Washington State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the statutory waivers and suspensions in Proclamations 20-06 and 20-16 and other proclamations related to congregate care, such as long term health care facilities, were consolidated into Proclamation 20-52, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions in the proclamations consolidated into Proclamation 20-52, et seq., have been, with certain modifications by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives, extended until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or October 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions and the waiver and suspension of rules therein with certain modification in Proclamation 20-52, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the waivers, suspensions and prohibitions consolidated into Proclamation 20-52, et seq., addressed a variety of topics some of which are also addressed by other proclamations, orders and guidance documents, I issued Proclamations 20-63, 20-65, 20-66, and 20-75 that divided some of the waivers, suspensions and prohibitions consolidated into Proclamation 20-52, et seq., into their topical areas and cross referenced applicable orders and guidance documents to assist in the understanding, administration and implementation of those waivers, suspensions and prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions in Proclamation 20-74, including all of the prior proclamations' statutory waivers and suspensions contained therein, were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, to fully extend Proclamation 20-74, it is also necessary for me to extend the prohibitions and the waiver and suspension of rules provided therein; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continue to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remain a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamation 20-75, which incorporates portions or all of the waivers and suspensions contained in Proclamations 20-06, 20-16, and 20-52, et seq., are amended to (1) recognize the prior extensions of statutory waivers and suspensions listed below by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020, whichever occurs first, and (2) similarly extend the prior prohibitions and waiver and suspension of rules listed below until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020, whichever occurs first.

FURTHERMORE, the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan* found here, the *Order of the Secretary of Health* 20-03, et seq., initially issued on June 24, 2020, found here, and all provisions of Proclamations 20-25 et seq., shall remain in full force and effect.

FURTHERMORE, the recognition and extension of waivers, suspensions, and prohibitions related to BHA, CLIP and RTF contained herein supersede the recognition and extension of waivers, suspensions, and prohibitions contained in Proclamations 20-06, 20-16, and 20-52, et seq. The recognition and extension of current waivers, suspensions, and prohibitions contained in Proclamations 20-06, 20-16, and 20-52, et seq., remain in effect as stated in Proclamations 20-06, 20-16, and 20-52, et seq., or as otherwise extended.

ADDITIONALLY, and as a point of clarification, due to code renumbering, the statutory waiver in Proclamation 20-74 of RCW 71.34.355(4) is now found at RCW 71.34.355(1)(d). This is a change in statutory numbering only; the language waived remains the same.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 10th day of November, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State