STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Renée D. Coleman-Mitchell, MPH
Commissioner

Ned Lamont
Governor
Susan Bysiewicz
Lt. Governor

ORDER

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont (Governor), in response to the global pandemic of 2019 Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), declared a public health and civil preparedness emergency throughout the State of Connecticut pursuant to sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to remain in effect through September 9, 2020, unless sooner terminated by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 7P, authorizing the Commissioner of Public Health, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and Commissioners of Emergency Services and Public Protection and Housing to issue such orders as they deem necessary to provide or arrange non-congregant housing with sufficient physical distancing capacity for people who, from the nature of their existing housing or working environments, are at increased risk of exposure to, infection with, or transmission of COVID-19, and to seek reimbursement for any resulting expenditures from appropriate federal agencies or other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by such Executive Order No. 7P, I hereby **ORDER** that:

1. As the COIVD-19 pandemic spreads throughout all counties of the State of Connecticut, and in order to help to prevent the spread of this virus, particularly to our most vulnerable populations, under my authority as the Commissioner of Public Health, I hereby direct state, local, and private sector partners to work together to (i) immediately arrange for the movement as needed of people experiencing homelessness from congregate shelters to alternative housing for the purpose of providing adequate social distancing between all individuals, including appropriate housing for currently healthy, reasonably believed to have been exposed to or infected with COVID-19, or recovering from COVID-19 individuals; and (ii) to develop and provide non congregate temporary housing for first responders and health care workers who are at reasonable risk of having been exposed to COVID-19 and cannot return to their usual residence because of the risk of infecting other household members.

2. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified or revoked.

Ordered this 28th day of March 2020

Renee D. Coleman-Mitchell, MPH
Commissioner