STATE OF VERMONT

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ADDENDUM 8 TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-20

[Non-Congregate Sheltering in Vermont; Extension of Certain Deadlines Relating to Closures of DMV and Bars and Restaurants]

WHEREAS, since December 2019, Vermont has been working in close collaboration with the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and with the United States Health and Human Services Agency to monitor and plan for the potential for an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19), in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Governor directed the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) to activate the Health Operations Center in February 2020 when VDH began to monitor and later, test Vermonters who may have been exposed to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the Governor directed Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) to assemble an interagency taskforce, and later to activate the Vermont State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), in accordance with the State Emergency Management Plan, to organize prevention, response, and mitigation efforts and share information with local and state officials; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020 and March 11, 2020, VDH detected the first two cases of COVID19 in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 01-20, Declaration of State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19 and National Guard Call-Out ("Executive Order"), declaring a State of Emergency for the State of Vermont in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, President Trump issued a national emergency declaration for the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, under which FEMA's Regional Administrators have been delegated authority to approve requests for non-congregate sheltering for the duration of the Secretary of Health and Human Services' declaration of a Public Health Emergency for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, in consultation with VDH and the Vermont Agency of Human Services, has initiated aggressive and sustained efforts, including the provision of non-congregate sheltering, to save lives, to protect property and public health, and to ensure public safety in this Public Health Emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Vermont by the Constitution of the State of Vermont, the emergency powers set forth in 20 V.S.A. §§ 8, 9 and 11 and other laws, hereby order as follows:

1. Local governments, state agencies and private non-profit organizations statewide shall:
   a. To the extent not already in place, arrange for placement of current clients and vulnerable populations in alternative non-congregate housing solutions for the purpose of providing adequate social distancing as needed.

   b. To the extent not already in place, implement a temporary quarantine and isolation program utilizing non-congregate solutions including hotels, motels, dormitories, or other forms of non-congregate shelter for current clients and vulnerable populations for the purpose of providing adequate social distancing between all individuals who are reasonably believed to have been exposed to or infected with COVID-19, or recovering from COVID-19.

   c. Local governments and private non-profit organizations, which determine the need for non-congregate temporary housing to quarantine and temporarily isolate first responders and health care workers who are at reasonable risk of having been exposed to or are infected with COVID-19, or are recovering from COVID-19, and cannot return to their usual residence because of the risk of infecting other household members, shall provide alternative non-congregate housing to this population of first responders and health care workers.

   This Section 1 shall take effect as of March 1, 2020 and shall continue in full force and effect until April 15, 2020, at which time the Governor, in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, the Agency of Human Services and the Department of Public Safety/Division of Emergency Management shall assess the emergency and determine whether to amend or extend this Order.

2. In accordance with the Executive Order, Addendum 2 was issued to suspend on-premises consumption of food or drink at any restaurant, bar, or establishment that offers food or drink. In accordance with the Executive Order, Directive 3 was issued to direct the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to suspend in-person visits to the DMV district offices. Effective upon signature, this Section 2 shall clarify that both Addendum 2 and Directive 3 are subject to Addendum 6 to the Executive Order (Stay Home, Stay Safe), and both the Addendum and the Directive are hereby extended and shall continue in full force and effect until April 15, 2020, at which time the Governor, in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, the Agency of Human Services and the Department of Public Safety/Division of Emergency Management shall assess the emergency and determine whether to amend or extend this Order.

This Addendum shall continue in full force and effect until April 15, 2020, at which time the Governor, in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, the Agency of Human Services and the Department of Public Safety/Division of Emergency Management shall assess the emergency and determine whether to amend or extend this Order.

By the Governor:

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

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Dated: April 3, 2020