The State of Maryland

Executive Department

ORDER

OF THE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

NUMBER 20-12-17-01

AUTHORIZING QUARANTINE AND/OR TESTING OF TRAVELERS

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, and renewed on March 17, April 10, May 6, June 3, July 1, July 31, August 10, September 8, October 6, October 30, and November 25, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed throughout Maryland;

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), travel can increase the risk of spreading and getting COVID-19, and even travelers who feel well can spread COVID-19 to friends, family, and the broader community after traveling;

WHEREAS, The CDC recommends that, if travel is necessary, travelers should quarantine and/or undergo testing to avoid spreading COVID-19;

WHEREAS, To protect the public health, welfare, and safety, prevent the transmission of the novel coronavirus, control the spread of COVID-19, and save lives, it is necessary to control and direct the movement of individuals in Maryland;

WHEREAS, The State is continuously working to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity and locations throughout Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The Coronavirus Recovery Team continues to advise on related public health and emergency management decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE

PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

I. Travel Orders.

a. The Secretary of Health (the "Secretary") is hereby authorized and directed to issue orders under this Order requiring persons entering Maryland to quarantine and/or undergo testing for COVID-19, as the Secretary deems medically necessary and reasonable, for the purpose of monitoring, treating, preventing, reducing the spread of, and suppressing COVID-19 ("Travel Orders").

b. If the Secretary determines that doing so would not pose an unreasonable risk of exacerbating the spread of COVID-19, the Secretary may exempt one or more groups of persons from any Travel Order.

II. General Provisions.

a. Each law enforcement officer of the State or a political subdivision shall execute and enforce this Order and all Travel Orders.

b. A person who knowingly and willfully violates this Order or any Travel Order is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding $5,000 or both.

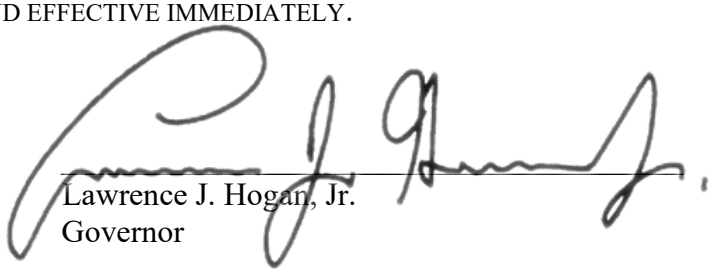
c. This Order remains effective until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.

d. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this order is hereby suspended to the extent of the inconsistency.

e. The underlined paragraph headings in this Order are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Order.

f. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Order are severable.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020, AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor