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Daniel J. McKee
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

21-34

April 9, 2021

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN
SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION –
THIRD AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 21-27

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Executive Order 20-02 was issued for a declaration of a state of emergency due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19 and that Order has been extended to remain in effect until at least April 14, 2021;

WHEREAS, it is critical that Rhode Island’s economic, cultural and civic life be re-opened to the greatest extent possible consistent with public health guidance and that the public’s health shall always be of paramount concern in connection with such re-opening;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2021, Executive Order 21-27 was issued to update the *Protecting Your Household* order (“Initial Order”);

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2021, Executive Order 21-29 was issued to amend the Order (“First Amendment”);

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2021, Executive Order 21-31 was issued to further amend the Order (“Second Amendment”; Initial Order as amended by First Amendment and Second Amendment, “Order”);

WHEREAS, reduced rate of COVID-19 related deaths along with increasing rates of COVID-19 vaccination in Rhode Island and projected vaccination coverage continue to make possible incremental relaxation of public health and safety restrictions; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Director of Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), I sought further modified mitigation measures to continue maintaining public health and safety with appropriate, less restrictive means.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL J. MCKEE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island, pursuant to Article IX of the Rhode Island Constitution and the Rhode Island General Laws, including, but not limited to, Title 30, Chapter 15, and Title 23, Chapter 8 do hereby order and direct the following:

1. Paragraph 8 of the Order under the heading of “*Updated Limitations on Indoor and Outdoor Social Gatherings*” shall be replaced in its entirety with the following provision:

“Effective immediately, attendance at all indoor public and private social gatherings, parties and celebrations shall be limited to 15 people. Notwithstanding these restrictions, indoor catered events with licensed catering on site or in a restaurant may have up to 75% of regular seating capacity with a cap of (a) 100 people until May 14, 2021, (b) 150 people beginning May 15, 2021, and (c) 200 people beginning June 4, 2021, provided the responsible parties, which include event hosts, organizers, venue operators and vendors (“Responsible Parties”) confirm that pre-event testing is conducted when there are more than 15 attendees, follow restaurant rules and designate a point of contact for RIDOH’s case investigation and contact tracing efforts. More information on catered events and pre-event testing can be found at <https://ReopeningRI.com>.”

2. Paragraph 9 of the Order under the heading of “*Updated Limitations on Indoor and Outdoor Social Gatherings*” shall be replaced in its entirety with the following provision:

“Effective immediately, attendance at all outdoor public and private social gatherings, including holiday gatherings, parties and celebrations shall be limited to 50 people. Notwithstanding these restrictions, outdoor catered events with licensed catering on site or in a restaurant may have up to (a) 200 people until May 14, 2021, (b) 250 people beginning May 15, 2021, and (c) 300 people

beginning June 4, 2021, provided Responsible Parties confirm that pre-event testing is conducted when there are more than 50 attendees, follow restaurant rules and designate a point of contact for RIDOH's case investigation and contact tracing efforts. More information on catered events and pre-event testing can be found at <https://ReopeningRI.com>.”

3. Paragraph 10 of the Order under the heading of “*Limits on Indoor and Outdoor Venues of Assembly*” shall be replaced in its entirety with the following provision:

“Subject to strict adherence to physical distancing, masking, screening, and sanitation protocols, venues of assembly, including convention centers, concert halls, performance venues, spectator sporting event venues and theaters may operate (a) until May 14, 2021, up to 50% of capacity with a cap of 250 people indoors and 500 people outdoors, (b) beginning May 15, 2021, up to 50% capacity with a cap of 500 people indoors and 1,000 people outdoors, and (c) beginning June 4, 2021, up to 50% capacity with a cap of 500 people indoors and 2,000 people outdoors. Any event occurring between May 1, 2021 and May 14, 2021 above the 250 people indoors and 500 people outdoors limit may apply for approval from the Department of Business Regulation (DBR) to hold events up to 500 people indoors or 1,000 people outdoors by submitting a detailed COVID-19 control plan at least 14 days in advance of the event, subject to DBR pre-approval, applicable municipal pre-approval, and other such requirements (including pre-event testing, maximum capacity, cap of attendees, etc.) as may be specified by DBR and/or the applicable municipality. With the exception of academic graduations, any event occurring on or after May 15, 2021 that exceeds 500 people at a venue of assembly is subject to the submission to DBR of a detailed COVID-19 control plan at least 30 days prior to the proposed event date. Any event operation with more than 500 people occurring on or after May 15, 2021 is subject to DBR pre-approval, applicable municipal pre-approval, and other such requirements (including pre-event testing, maximum capacity, cap of attendees, etc.) as may be specified by DBR and/or the applicable municipality.”

4. All other provisions of the Order shall remain unchanged and continue to be applicable.

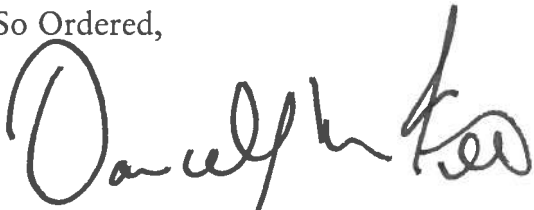
This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect through April 17, 2021 unless renewed, modified, or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.

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So Ordered,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. McKee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Daniel J. McKee

Governor