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State of Rhode Island

Daniel J. McKee Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

22-04

January 18, 2022

EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS 21-116 AND 21-120

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 through at least January 20, 2022;

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-109 affirming the disaster emergency that was first declared on August 19, 2021 for the now-dominant Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 and other then-existing COVID-19 variants and that Order has been extended through at least February 4, 2022;

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-116 protecting public health by wearing masks or face coverings or obtaining proof of vaccination in indoor public places; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-120 increasing hospital capacity and flexibility for patient care.

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

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Constitution and the Rhode Island General Laws, including, but not limited to, Title 30, Chapter 15, and Title 23, Chapter 8, do hereby extend the following Executive Orders:

- 1. Executive Order 21-116 (Protecting Public Health by Wearing Masks or Face Coverings or Obtaining Proof of Vaccination in Indoor Public Places).
- 2. Executive Order 21-120 Increasing Hospital Capacity and Flexibility for Patient Care).

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect through February 14, 2022, unless renewed, modified or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.

So Ordered

Daniel J. McKee/

Governor