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Governor Laura Kelly Signs Executive Orders to Maintain COVID-19 Response

Apr 1, 2021

Governor Laura Kelly today issued several executive orders to ensure Kansas can maintain critical pandemic response efforts to keep Kansans healthy, keep businesses open, and keep kids in school.

The orders Governor Kelly issued today extend provisions put in place [by previous executive orders](#) and include some updated provisions.

“Since the pandemic began, my administration has been laser-focused on supporting and protecting our communities and our economy,” **Governor Kelly said.** “Extending these orders will ensure that our efforts will not have been wasted, and that Kansans and businesses don’t lose the resources they need to get back to normal.”

Several executive orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic were set to expire on March 31 in conjunction with the expiration of the state of disaster emergency. Senate Bill 40 includes a provision that revoked all executive orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic yesterday, but the Governor retains the authority to re-issue orders under the new process imposed by the bill.

The Governor today issued the following orders, which will generally remain in effect until rescinded or until the statewide state of disaster emergency expires, whichever is earlier:

- 21-09 – [Extending professional and occupational licenses during state of disaster emergency](#)
- 21-10 – [Temporarily allowing notaries and witnesses to act via audio-video communication technology during state of disaster emergency](#)
- 21-11 – [Temporarily suspending certain rules relating to sale alcoholic beverages](#)
- 21-12 – [Licensure, Certification, and Registration for persons and Licensure of “Adult Care Homes” during state of disaster emergency](#)
- 21-13 – [Temporarily prohibiting certain foreclosures and evictions](#)
- 21-14 – [Establishing a face coverings protocol](#) (exempts local jurisdictions with their own mask orders in place)
- 21-15 – [Requiring COVID-19 testing in certain adult care homes](#)
- 21-16 – [Provisions related to drivers’ license and identification cards during the state of disaster emergency](#)
- 21-17 – [Temporary relief from certain unemployment insurance requirements during state of disaster emergency](#)
- 21-18 – [Temporary provisions for employer payment of income tax withholding for work performed in another state](#)
- 21-19 – [Temporary relief from certain tuberculin testing requirements during state of disaster emergency](#)
- 21-20 – [Extending time for Kansas rural water districts to hold annual meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- 21-21 – [Temporary authorization for additional vaccinators during state of disaster emergency](#)

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