



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER JBE 2022-10

***COVID-19 POST-EMERGENCY
SUSTAINED RECOVERY ACTIVITIES***

- WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana continues to make significant progress in the fight against COVID-19;
- WHEREAS,** as of March 25, 2022, the Louisiana Department of Health reported that 2,755,620 Louisianans have received their first dose of vaccine, and 2,446,926 have completed their vaccine series;
- WHEREAS,** while Louisiana is no longer in a high-risk state of alert for community spread of COVID-19, there remains a moderate risk statewide for the foreseeable future, and there remains a non-negligible risk that new variants could threaten the State's progress in the fight against COVID-19;
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary for the State and its citizens to remain prepared to continue our efforts against COVID-19 and to maintain our ability to deploy emergency healthcare resources in the event of a resurgence of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** these measures are necessary to protect the continued safety and wellbeing of the citizens of the State of Louisiana.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- SECTION 1:** The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the State Health Officer are authorized and directed to continue to take all necessary actions to address the lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including such steps and measures as they deem necessary for the purpose of:
- 1) Leading the state's COVID-19 vaccination efforts, including facilitating cooperation between local health officers, state agencies, and the Federal Emergency Management Administration;
 - 2) Developing and maintaining a response action plan, in the event of a significant and severe resurgence of COVID-19 or highly virulent novel variants;
 - 3) Procuring and providing COVID-19 testing to communities;
 - 4) Assisting local health officers with contact tracing;
 - 5) Advising state officials and members of the public on best practices related to stopping the spread of COVID-19;
 - 6) Taking such measures as they deem necessary to mitigate the lasting community impact of the pandemic, including authorizing and providing feeding programs to minimize the impact of food insecurity among vulnerable Louisianans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
 - 7) Conducting ongoing disease surveillance to inform the State's response.

SECTION 2: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State, through the Louisiana Department of Health and the State Health Officer may take in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 3: Upon signature, this order is effective retroactive to March 17th, 2022, and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or until terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**

SECRETARY OF STATE