

STATE OF MARYLAND



Termination and Rescission of the Proclamation of the State of Emergency
and Catastrophic Health Emergency — COVID-19

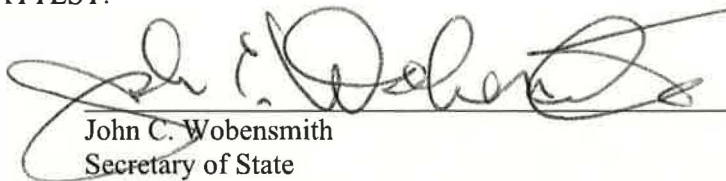
- WHEREAS, On January 4, 2022, in an effort to control and prevent the spread of COVID19, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed within the entire State of Maryland pursuant to the Maryland Constitution and Laws of Maryland, including but not limited to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article;
- WHEREAS, Since the declaration of a state of emergency and the existence of a catastrophic health emergency on January 4, 2022, the statewide 7-day positivity rate peaked at 29.98% on January 5, 2022, has since dropped to 7.68% as of February 1, 2022, a decrease of 74%;
- WHEREAS, Maryland has one of the lowest positivity rates in the country, with the testing positivity rate dropping 72% and the case rate down 84%;
- WHEREAS, Maryland's hospitalizations have decreased by 1,943, more than half from the peak of 3,462 on January 11, 2022, to 1,519 as of February 1, 2022;
- WHEREAS, Maryland's hospitals currently have adequate resources and space to treat all Marylanders; and
- WHEREAS, As of February 3, 2022, the emergency has been dealt with to the extent that the emergency conditions no longer exist, the state of emergency no longer exists, and the catastrophic health emergency no longer exists.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY NO LONGER EXISTS, TERMINATE THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND RESCIND THE JANUARY 4, 2022, PROCLAMATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AS OF 11:59 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 3, 2022.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland in the City of Annapolis, this 3rd day of February, 2022.


Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:


John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State