



# COUNTY OF ORANGE

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 2 of 2020

I, Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive of the County of Orange, State of New York, do hereby declare as an EXECUTIVE ORDER the following:

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020 I issued a limited State of Emergency to enable various Orange County Departments to procure certain goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the continued spread of the 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), I hereby declare and issue the following:

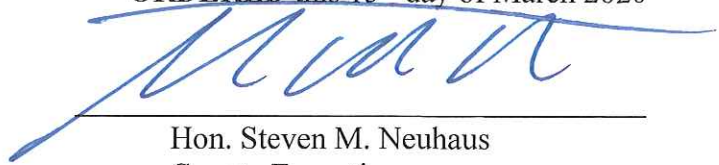
1. I find that there currently is and there is anticipated to be a continued reasonable apprehension of public emergency across Orange County, NY.
2. I **proclaim a State of Emergency** for a period commencing March 15, 2020 and continuing for a period of thirty days, unless renewed.
3. I authorize the following Departments/Offices/Agencies to make such **emergency purchases** and retain such **emergency services** as they shall deem necessary: (a) Aging; (b) Emergency Services; (c) Health; (d) Public Works; (e) Residential Health Care Services; (f) Social Services; (g) Veterans Service; (h) Youth Bureau; and (i) General Services.
4. I order the following **School Related Closings** through March 20, 2020 (to be extended through March 27): With regard to all public and private schools situated in the County of Orange, this Order hereby suspends all classroom and extracurricular functions. Schools may remain open to administrative staff, and staff functions. This order excludes all programs and schools approved or operated by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and/or the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), to the extent it provides education in a residential setting to school-age children. *See Footnote 1.*
5. I order the following facilities closed to visitation: (a) all nursing homes; (b) all long-term care facility or clinics. Exceptions to this Order include end of life visitation approved by the Administrator or other person in charge of each such home or facility or his/her designee.
6. I order the following meetings and/or activities cancelled: those meetings and activities which primarily cater to or are organized for persons aged 60 or over.

This declaration and the orders in relation thereto are pursuant to my powers contained within the Orange County Charter (Section 3.02-q) and Administrative Code (Section 3-2-q) and Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York; and

*1. State Law allows Emergency Orders to exist for only five days (See Executive Law Section 24). I will extend the school closure of March 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> to include the following week upon the expiration of this Order.*

I **FURTHER FIND** that this Limited State of Emergency does not in any way impact travel or County employees or County operations and does not suspend County operations. This Executive Order and all portions thereof shall take effect immediately, be filed and published as required by law, and individually expire as required by law.

**ORDERED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Neuhaus", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Hon. Steven M. Neuhaus  
County Executive