



**COUNTY OF ORANGE**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4 OF 2020 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY in ORANGE COUNTY IN RELATION TO THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**

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 on March 15, 2020, I Proclaimed a State of Emergency across the County of Orange, New York and extended such State of Emergency on April 9, 2020 via the issuance of Executive Order 3 of 2020, and

WHEREAS, in light of the continued spread of the 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) I find that there currently is and there is anticipated to be a continued reasonable apprehension of public emergency across Orange County, NY; therefore I hereby issue an additional proclamation to extend and otherwise extend such previously issued State of Emergency to the maximum period of time permitted under law or until rescinded by the undersigned, whichever occurs first; and

I also hereby make the following orders, which are continuations of existing orders issued under Executive Order 3 and Executive Orders 3.1-3.5:

1. I authorize the following Departments/Offices/Agencies to make such emergency purchases and retain such emergency services as they shall deem necessary:
2. (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.
3. I order the following facilities closed to visitation: (a) all nursing homes; (b) all long term care facility or clinics. The exceptions to this Order are for end of life visitation approved by the Administrator or other person in charge of each such home or facility or his/her designee.
4. 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.

Unless inconsistent with the Governor, I order and require the following School Related Closings in Orange County through the date ordered by the Governor of the State of New York and hereby continue to suspend all classroom and extracurricular functions. Schools may remain open to administrative, staff, and staff functions. This proclamation/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

I FURTHER FIND that this State of Emergency does not in any way impact travel or County employees or County operations, is not weather related, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020



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Hon. Steven M. Neuhaus  
County Executive