



COUNTY OF ORANGE

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1 OF 2022 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, since early 2020, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus has spread across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Orange County has, throughout this pandemic secured various emergency supplies to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, COVID cases have been showing a consistent increase in recent weeks and the Commissioner of Emergency Services has recommended to the undersigned that the County secure additional personal protective equipment and supplies; and

WHEREAS, Securing such supplies following the County's existing procurement policy may, in the view of the Commissioner of Emergency Services both increase costs (as more people/entities seek supplies) and decrease the likelihood of obtaining such goods/services;

NOW therefore I hereby declare, for the purpose of procuring necessary supplies and securing any necessary services in relation to vaccination services, a State of Emergency in the County of Orange and make the following ORDERS:

I authorize the Departments of Health, Community Development, General Services and Emergency Services to make such purchases and secure such services as the Commissioners/Directors of those Departments determine are necessary to expand vaccination opportunities and purchase protective goods and supplies;

I direct that any purchase made or service procured by such Commissioners/Directors pursuant to this Declaration and Order, shall be purchased after pricing is evaluated by the Commissioners/Directors in the manner they see fit to protect the County financially while still securing such goods/services;

I direct that a list of goods and services procured at the request of such Commissioners/Directors be maintained by them with a copy updated at least weekly to the Commissioner of General Services;

I direct that County employees cooperate with such Commissioners/Directors to the extent necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Declaration and Order.

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 2nd day of January, 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Neuhaus", written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Steven M. Neuhaus
County Executive