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**Ron DeSantis**  
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**Scott A. Rivkees, M.D.**  
State Surgeon General

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

In Re:

SUSPENSION OF STATUTES,  
RULES AND ORDERS MADE  
NECESSARY BY COVID-19.

DOH No. 20-015

**EMERGENCY ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, I declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order number 20-51; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19, and allowing for the waiver of certain statutes and rules that prevent, hinder, or delay any necessary action in coping with the state of emergency caused by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to waive certain statutes and rules of the Florida Department of Health in order to effectively respond to the emergency caused by COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT A. RIVKEES, M.D.**, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 20-52, as extended by Executive Order No. 20-276, find that strict compliance with the provisions of certain regulatory statutes and rules prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business by the Florida Department of Health will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19. In order to effectively respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 it is necessary to promulgate the following:

**Section 1:**

For purposes of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19, I suspend the provisions of sections 381.003(1)(e)2. and 3., Florida Statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that all COVID-19 vaccination data for any child and college or university students up to 23 years of age is recorded in the immunization registry, Florida SHOTS, as required by Emergency Rule 64DER20-43. Any statute and/or rule to the contrary is hereby suspended until December 31, 2021, unless extended by order of the State Surgeon General.

**Section 2:**

For the purposes of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19, any upcoming licensure renewal deadlines for any professional license issued by the Department or a Department board or council are extended until March 31, 2021. Any statute and/or rule to the contrary is hereby suspended until March 31, 2021, unless extended by order of the State Surgeon General.

**Section 3:**

For purposes of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19, I suspend the provisions of sections 466.006 and 466.007 that would

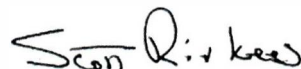
prohibit the use of mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients during the administration of the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination. Any statute and/or rule to the contrary is hereby suspended. This suspension applies until March 31, 2021.

Section 4:

For purposes of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19, I suspend the provisions of section 464.203(1)(b), that requires a skills demonstration examination for exam candidates who have successfully completed a Board of Nursing approved CNA training program within the past six months. Any statute and/or rule to the contrary is hereby suspended. This suspension applies until March 31, 2021.

Because section 252.36(5)(a), Florida Statutes, allows the Governor to suspend the provisions of “any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for [the] conduct of state business,” and because Section 4. B. of Executive Order No. 20-52 provides the State Surgeon General with the authority to issue this Emergency Order, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to this Order. This order shall remain in effect as stated above or until modified by order of the State Surgeon General.

Executed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2020, in Department of Health offices,  
Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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Scott A. Rivkees, M.D.  
State Surgeon General