

SAFETY DIRECTOR BULLETIN

Executive Order No. 280 & No. 281 Reinstating Public Health Emergency

On January 11, 2022, Governor Murphy issued two Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic: [Executive Order No. 280](#), reinstating the state's Public Health Emergency, and [Executive Order No. 281](#) allowing certain prior executive orders to remain in effect.

Executive Order Nos. [111](#), [112](#), [207](#), [251](#), [252](#), [253](#), [264](#), and [271](#) shall remain in full force and effect. These prior executive orders include those mandating the use of masks in schools and at health care facilities.

Executive Order No. 281 also extends various regulatory actions taken by administrative departments in response to COVID-19, including actions regarding access to remote public meetings and COVID-related sick time for civil service employees. A full listing of the department actions can be found in the [EO 281 Appendix](#).

The declaration of the Public Health Emergency provides the Governor and the State with broad authority to respond to the pandemic and the unique challenges more recently brought about by the COVID-19 Delta and Omicron variants.

Additionally, the CDC updated its [quarantine and isolation guidelines](#) on January 9, 2022.