STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Acting Commissioner

Ned Lamont
Governor

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Lt. Governor

ORDER

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont (the Governor), in response to the global pandemic of 2019 Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), declared public health and civil preparedness emergencies throughout the State of Connecticut pursuant to Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to remain in effect through September 9, 2020, unless sooner terminated by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020, the Governor renewed the public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared on March 10, 2020 and declared new public health and civil preparedness emergencies, to remain in effect until February 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19a-131f of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Public Health (Commissioner) may authorize any qualified person, including, but not limited to, any person licensed under chapter 379, 384 or 384d, to administer vaccinations, if the Commissioner determines that such action is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and such authorization is in writing and contains the categories of qualified persons included in the authorization, any additional training required before performance of the vaccination by such persons and the duration of the authorization; and

WHEREAS, under existing law the professions authorized to administer vaccinations, include but are not limited to physicians and physician assistants, nurse midwives, and registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, advanced practice registered nurses and pharmacists (hereinafter Health Care Professionals) whose services are in great demand in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic;

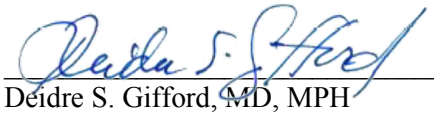
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 19a-131f of the Connecticut General Statutes and Executive Order No. 7K, and in response to the ongoing public health crisis arising out of COVID-19, for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergencies, unless sooner modified or terminated by me by a future Order or termination of the public health and civil preparedness emergencies, **I hereby order, effectively immediately, the following:**:

1. **Authorization to Administer Vaccine.** Any podiatrist, dentist, dental hygienist with training to administer anesthesia pursuant to Section 20-126l(d) of the General Statutes, veterinarian, advanced emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician with intramuscular epinephrine administration training and any paramedic who (i) are licensed pursuant to chapters 375, 376c, 379, 379a, 381a, 384, and 384d of the Connecticut General Statutes, respectively, or (ii) are authorized to practice in Connecticut without licensure pursuant to Executive Order No. 7V and my orders issued under Section 19a-131j(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes as modified by Executive Order No.

7HHH is hereby authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccines provided that such person completes a vaccination training program deemed appropriate by the Commissioner sufficient to train such person, submits the certificate of completion for such training to the COVID-19 Vaccine Provider (Provider) who will utilize such person to administer vaccines, and a Health Care Professional shall be present at the site where such person administers vaccines. The Commissioner shall publish on the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Internet webpage vaccination training programs deemed appropriate. For purposes of this section, a "COVID-19 Vaccine Provider" is a health care organization providing COVID-19 vaccine that has enrolled in the federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program through DPH and has signed and agreed to the conditions in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement.

2. Section 19a-179-9(i) of the Public Health Code regulations is hereby modified to permit emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics who are authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccines under this Order to do so outside of an emergency medical services system.

Ordered this 7th day of December 2020



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