REPEALER

Various Public Health Orders and Ordinance related to COVID-19

WHEREAS, The Municipal Code of Chicago ("Code") authorizes the Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago to implement emergency measures to stop the spread of communicable diseases, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents, including but not limited to authority granted in Sections 2-112-030, 2-112-080, 2-112-160, 2-112-110(a)(7), and 2-112-170 of the Code, and 77 III. Adm. Code 690.1310(c); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a communicable disease that presents an extraordinarily severe and unprecedented threat to the residents of Chicago. It is necessary and appropriate for the Commissioner of Health to take immediate measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Department of Public Health ("CDPH") is a public authority authorized pursuant to Section 2-112-110(a)(7) to request, collect, receive and maintain confidential information, records and data, including protected health information ("PHI") consistent with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") Privacy Standards set forth in 45 C.F.R. §164.512(b)(1)(i), for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Public Health Order No. 2020-1, Section 6 of Public Health Order No. 2020-2, Section 5 of Public Health Order No. 2020-4, Section 6 of Public Health Order No. 2020-5, Section 4 of Public Health Order No. 2020-6, Section 5 of Public Health Order No. 2020-7, Section 8 of Public Health Order No. 2020-9, Section 6 of Public Health Order 2020-10, provide:

"This Order shall remain in effect until the Commissioner of Health makes a written determination that the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished to the point that this Order can be safely repealed"; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Public Health Order No. 2020-10 provides:

"This Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on November 13, 2020, and shall remain in effect until the Commissioner makes a written determination that the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished to the point that this Order can be safely repealed"; and WHEREAS, The City of Chicago Substitute Ordinance 2021-1219 provides: "Unless otherwise provided by ordinance, this ordinance shall be repealed of its own accord, without further action by the City Council, when the Commissioner of Public Health makes a written determination that the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished to the point that this ordinance can safely be repealed"; and

WHEREAS, the statewide COVID-19 emergency ended on May 11, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE:

The Commissioner of Public Health has concluded that Public Health Order Nos. 2020-1, 2020-2, 2020-4, 2020-5, 2020-6, 2020-7, 2020-9, and 2020-10 can safely be repealed because the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished.

The Commissioner of Public Health has concluded that the City of Chicago Substitute Ordinance 2021-1219 can safely be repealed because the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished.

Public Health Orders 2020-1, 2020-2, 2020-4, 2020-5, 2020-6, 2020-7, 2020-9, and 2020-10 are hereby repealed, effective May 18th, 2024.

City of Chicago Substitute Ordinance 2021-1219 is hereby repealed, effective May 18th, 2024.

The repeal of Public Health Orders 2020-1, 2020-2, 2020-4, 2020-5, 2020-6, 2020-7, 2020-9, and 2020-10 and City of Chicago Substitute Ordinance 2021-1219 shall have no effect on the validity of any enforcement effort based on any violation of these Orders and Ordinance prior to the repeal date.

Dated: May 13, 2024

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