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EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 20-029

HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR OUTDOOR AND INDOOR HIGH-TOUCH AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDERS NOS. 157 and 181

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness caused by a virus called SARS-CoV-2; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy issued Executive Order 103, declaring the existence of a Public Health Emergency, pursuant to the Emergency Health Powers Act, N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq., and a State of Emergency, pursuant to the Disaster Control Act, N.J.S.A. App A:9-33 et seq., in the State of New Jersey for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Emergency was extended by Governor Murphy under Executive Orders 119, 138, 151, 162, 171 and 180; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 157, allowing outdoor high-touch amusement and recreation activities to operate subject to certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, the Department of Health issued Executive Directive No. 20-023, "Health and Safety Standards for Outdoor Amusement and Water Parks Pursuant to Executive Order No. 157"; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 181, allowing, *inter alia*, amusement and water parks to open their indoor premises to the public subject to certain requirements and if they are in compliance with the health and safety guidelines and standards issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, under the declared public health emergency, the Commissioner of the Department of Health is empowered, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:13-12, to take all reasonable and necessary measures to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and apply proper controls and treatment for infectious disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUDITH PERSICHILLI, Commissioner of the DOH, pursuant to the powers afforded to me under the Emergency Health Powers Act, hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. This Executive Directive pertains to establishments operating high-touch amusement and recreation activities, including amusement parks, theme parks and water parks.
2. This Executive Directive hereby supersedes Executive Directive No. 20-023, "Health and Safety Standards for Outdoor Amusement and Water Parks Pursuant to Executive Order No. 157."
3. Establishments covered by this Executive Directive shall comply with the attached Department of Health standards, entitled "Health and Safety Standards for Outdoor and Indoor High-Touch Amusement and Recreation Activities Pursuant to Executive Orders Nos. 157 and 181," as amended and supplemented.

This Directive shall take effect immediately. The provisions of this Directive shall remain in force and effect for the duration of the public health emergency originally declared in Executive Order No. 103 (2020), and as extended by Executive Order, unless otherwise modified, supplemented and/or rescinded.



August 28, 2020

Judith Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A.
Commissioner