

Governor Bill Lee COVID-19 Executive Order Summaries

Executive Order No. 14

● **March 12, 2020**

- **Summary: Implements the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan.**
- **Permits health care professionals licensed in other states to provide health care services in Tennessee related to COVID-19;**
 - **Allows pharmacists to dispense an extra 30-day supply of maintenance prescriptions as needed in response to COVID-19;**
 - **Allows health care professionals to provide localized treatment to patients in temporary residences;**
 - **Expands testing sites for COVID-19;**
 - **Allows the construction of temporary health care structures in response to COVID-19;**
 - **Implements price-gouging protections on medical and emergency supplies;**
 - **Suspends restrictions on vehicles transporting emergency supplies to areas affected by COVID-19;**
 - **Permits the waiver of certain regulations on child care centers as needed to respond to the effect of COVID-19;**
- **Authorizes TennCare policy changes to ensure that covered individuals receive medically necessary services without disruption; and**
 - **Directs coordination with health insurance plans to improve access to screening, testing, and treatment for COVID-19.**

Executive Order No. 15

● **March 19, 2020**

- **Summary: Relieves regulatory burdens to quickly boost Tennessee's health**

care capacity, continue important consumer protections, and provide enhanced customer service to Tennesseans.

- **Health Care Capacity**

- **Further deregulates hospital beds to free up capacity.**
- **Further deregulates scope of practice, allowing more health care professionals to treat patients.**
- **Expands the number of providers who are eligible to provide telehealth services by loosening regulations around technology and geographic area and urges insurers to provide coverage for COVID-19.**

- **Customer Service Provisions**

- **Suspends rules to address expirations and renewals of driver licenses that will occur during the state of emergency.**

- **Consumer Protection**

- **Cracks down on the price gouging of consumer foods and supplies.**

Executive Order 16

- **March 20, 2020**

- **Summary: Allows for official public meetings to be held remotely due to concerns over COVID-19.**

Executive Order 17

- **March 22, 2020**

- **Summary: Calls for businesses across the state to utilize alternative business models to protect vulnerable populations while doing everything possible to keep Tennesseans in a financially stable position.**

- **Prohibits social gatherings of 10 or more people;**

- **Directs restaurants, bars, and similar food and drink establishments to exclusively offer drive-thru, take-out or delivery options to support families, businesses and the food supply chain;**
- **Allows for the sale of alcohol by take-**

out or delivery (with the purchase of food) in closed containers to those who are
age 21 and up;

- Directs gyms and fitness/exercise centers or substantially similar facilities to temporarily close and suspend in-person services;
- Restricts visitation to nursing homes, retirement homes, and long-term care or assisted-living facilities to essential care only; and
 - Encourages businesses to enact policies that take extra steps to assist vulnerable populations by considering measures such as shopping hours exclusive from the general public.

Executive Order 18

- **March 23, 2020**

- **Summary: Helps Tennessee procure additional personal protective equipment.**
- **Prohibits hospitals and surgical outpatient facilities from performing elective surgeries and instructs dentists to halt non-emergency dental services.**
- **Practitioners are asked to donate their personal protective equipment at their nearest National Guard Armory until April 13.**

Executive Order 19

- **March 24, 2020**

- **Summary: Extends deadlines to renew drivers and other licenses.**
- **Suspends issuing REAL ID through May 18, 2020 as the federal government waived the deadline for REAL ID.**
 - **Waives emissions testing requirements through May 18, 2020.**

Executive Order 20

- **March 26, 2020**

- **Summary: Loosens restrictions around retired medical professionals to help**

get qualified individuals back in the workforce.

- **Temporarily suspends continuing education requirements so professionals can continue working through the pandemic.**
 - **Calls for the availability of phone assessments for individuals with mental illness or emotional disturbances.**
 - **Expands telemedicine efforts so that all licensed providers may utilize telemedicine during COVID-19 as long as they are practicing within their normal scope of practice.**