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on January 22, 2021, a determination shall be made whether to extend this Order—or, if circumstances permit, to change this Order.

21. Preemption. To the extent this Order conflicts with any order previously issued by the State Health Officer concerning COVID-19 mitigation measures, this Order supersedes and preempts the conflicting provisions of the previously issued order effective on the dates specified above. This Order also supersedes and preempts all orders previously issued by county health officers concerning COVID-19 mitigation measures, as well as any municipal ordinances concerning the use of facial coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19. (If this Order's facial-covering requirement is rescinded, however, orders of county health officers and municipal ordinances pertaining to COVID-19 facial coverings may take effect according to their terms.) After the date this order is issued, county health officers are authorized, after approval by the State Health Officer, to implement more stringent measures as local circumstances require.

This Order also supersedes and preempts any county and municipal orders or ordinances, whenever adopted, that purport to impose less stringent COVID-19-related measures.

Done on this 9th day of December, 2020.



Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.
State Health Officer

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