

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

BLOOD DRIVES

No. 2020-7

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, through Executive Order No. 103 (2020), the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein, the Governor declared both a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency throughout the State due to the public health hazard posed by Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, to further protect the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey residents by, among other things, reducing the rate of community spread of COVID-19, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 107 (2020) on March 21, 2020, the facts and circumstances of which are also adopted by reference herein, which established enhanced social mitigation strategies for combatting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 107 (2020) cancelled gatherings of individuals, such as parties, celebrations, or other social events, unless otherwise authorized by that Order; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph 5 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020), the Governor granted the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, the discretion to make clarifications and issue orders related to the provisions regarding the gatherings of individuals; and

WHEREAS, paragraph 17 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020) declares that the provisions of that Order shall not limit, prohibit, or restrict the provision of health care or medical services to members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the continued availability of blood donation resources is critical to meet the medical needs of the State's residents; and

WHEREAS, the operation of blood drives, when adhering to appropriate mitigation efforts, including undertaking appropriate social distancing where practicable, collecting blood only from individuals who are healthy and feeling well at the time of donation, conducting temperature screens, requiring the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and frequently sanitizing equipment and work spaces, does not violate the terms and conditions of Executive Order No. 107 (2020) regarding gatherings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick J. Callahan, State Director of Emergency Management, hereby ORDER as follows:

1. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020), in order to facilitate the continued availability of blood donation resources to meet the medical needs of New Jersey residents, blood drives are exempt from the terms and conditions of the Order regarding gatherings.
2. Blood drives may continue to operate but must undertake appropriate mitigation efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including incorporating social distancing where practicable, collecting blood only from individuals who are healthy and feeling well at the time of donation, conducting temperature screens of both staff and donors before entering a blood drive,

requiring the use of PPE, providing hand sanitizer to donors for use before the drive and during the donation process, and frequently sanitizing equipment and work spaces.

3. It is further clarified that nothing in Executive Order No. 107 (2020) limits, prohibits, or restricts the ability of New Jersey residents to participate in blood drives, including leaving their homes or places of residences to do so.
2. This ORDER shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 107 (2020) remains in effect or until I issue a subsequent amending Administrative Order.

April 2, 2020



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Colonel Patrick J. Callahan  
State Director of Emergency Management