

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



**Ron DeSantis**  
Governor

**Scott A. Rivkees, MD**  
State Surgeon General

**Vision:** To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

In Re:

SUSPENSION OF STATUTES, RULES AND  
ORDERS, MADE NECESSARY BY  
COVID-19.

DOH No. 20-001

**EMERGENCY ORDER**

Pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 20-52, I find that strict compliance with the provisions of certain regulatory statutes and rules prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business by the Florida Department of Health will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19. In order to effectively respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 it is necessary to promulgate the following:

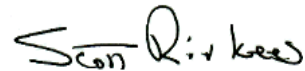
For the purposes preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19 the requirements of Chapter 287, Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Chapters 60A-1, are hereby suspended for a period of thirty days, unless extended.

Because section 252.36(5)(a), Florida Statutes, allows the Governor to suspend the provisions of “any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for [the] conduct of state business,” and because Section 4. B. of Executive Order No. 20-52 provides the State Surgeon General with the authority to issue this Emergency Order, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to this

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Order. The effective dates of this Order shall correspond with the effective dates of Executive Order No. 20-52.

Executed this 10th day of March 2020, in Department of Health Offices,  
Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Handwritten signature of Scott A. Rivkees in black ink.

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Scott A. Rivkees, M.D.  
State Surgeon General