



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 199

May 7, 2021

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WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York to address the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of New York residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order No. 98, issued March 12, 2020 and extended most recently by Emergency Executive Order No. 198, issued May 2, 2021, contains a declaration of a state of emergency in the City of New York due to the threat posed by COVID-19 to the health and welfare of City residents, and such declaration remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, this Order is given because of the propensity of the virus to spread person-to-person and also because the actions taken to prevent such spread have led to property loss and damage; and

WHEREAS, measures taken to combat the spread of COVID-19 may prevent individuals, businesses and other entities from meeting legally imposed deadlines for the filing of certain documents or for the completion of other required actions; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health's Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation, updated on March 25, 2021 ("NYSDOH Guidance"), states that "participants in higher risk sports and recreation activities may partake in individual or distanced group training and organized no/low-contact group training and, further, may partake in other types of play, including competitions and tournaments, only as permitted by the respective local health authorities;" and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene has advised that higher risk sports and recreational activities may resume, provided they are conducted outdoors; and

WHEREAS, this Order is given in order to ensure that the Governor's orders are enforced;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the laws of the State of New York and the City of New York, including but not limited to the New York Executive Law, the New York City Charter and the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and the common law authority to protect the public in the event of an emergency:

Section 1. I hereby direct that section 2 of Emergency Executive Order No. 198, dated May 2, 2021, is extended for five (5) days.

§ 2. a. In accordance with the NYSDOH Guidance and the advice of the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene, I hereby direct that higher risk sports and recreational activities, such as football, rugby, basketball, wrestling, volleyball, martial arts, contact lacrosse, competitive cheer and group dance, and other sports and recreational activities with similar limited abilities to maintain physical distance or limit exposure to shared equipment prior to such equipment being cleaned and disinfected, may resume beginning on May 7, 2021, subject to the requirements of this section and the NYSDOH Guidance, and any applicable guidance of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“DOHMH”), including the DOHMH guidance for “Competitive Sports in New York City: What Organizers Need to Know” (“DOHMH Guidance”), available on DOHMH’s website at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/businesses/covid-19-high-risk-competitive-sports.pdf>.

b. The following restrictions shall apply to higher-risk sports and recreational activities within New York City:

1. Higher-risk sports and recreational activities may only be played or conducted outdoors.

2. The use of locker rooms, including showers, is prohibited, except that players, spectators and staff may enter a locker room for the sole purpose of using the restroom.

c. All players, staff and spectators of higher-risk sports and recreational activities are encouraged to follow the best practices recommended in the DOHMH Guidance.

§ 3. This Order incorporates any and all relevant provisions of Governor Executive Order No. 202 and subsequent orders issued by the Governor of New York State to address the State of Emergency declared in that Order pursuant to his powers under section 29-a of the Executive Law.

§ 4. I hereby direct the Fire Department of the City of New York, the New York City Police Department, the Department of Buildings, the Sheriff, and other agencies as needed to immediately enforce the directives set forth in this Order in accordance with their lawful enforcement authorities, including but not limited to Administrative Code sections 15-227(a), 28-105.10.1, and 28-201.1, and section 107.6 of the New York City Fire Code. Violations of the directives set forth in this Order may be issued as if they were violations under the New York City Health Code, title 24 Rules of the City of New York sections 3.07 and 3.11, and may be enforced as such by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or any other agency named in this section.

§ 5. This Emergency Executive Order shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect for five (5) days unless it is terminated or modified at an earlier date.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill de Blasio", written over a horizontal line.

Bill de Blasio,
MAYOR