



Office of  
The Governor

NO. 18 FY 20/21  
DATE December 9, 2020

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE COVID-19  
QUARANTINE PERIOD TO REFLECT THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE**

**WHEREAS**, I proclaimed a state of emergency on March 15, 2020 and renewed states of emergency on April 14, 2020, May 13, 2020, June 9, 2020, July 8, 2020, August 5, 2020, September 2, 2020, September 30, 2020, October 29, 2020, and November 24, 2020 to authorize the use of emergency powers in order to expand and expedite the State's response to the serious health and safety risks of the highly contagious COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, I instituted alternative testing and quarantine requirements for all persons, residents and non-residents, traveling into Maine in Executive Order 57 FY 19/20 in order to minimize the transmission of COVID-19 within Maine; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maine Center for Disease Control (Maine CDC) now advises that it is appropriate to modify the quarantine requirement to reflect new information and the best available science; and

**WHEREAS**, future modifications of the quarantine requirement may likewise be necessary and appropriate to ensure that it continues to be based on the best available science; and

**WHEREAS**, this Order exercises expressly delegated emergency powers that include the authorities to:

- a. Control the ingress and egress, and movement of persons, within the State pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. § 742(1)(C)(8); and
- b. Take whatever action is necessary to mitigate a danger that may exist within the State pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. § 742(1)(C)(12), including delegating authority vested in the Governor under 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13 pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. § 741(3)(H);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13, including but not limited to the authorities cited in the Proclamations, Orders and statutory

provisions referenced above, do hereby Order as follows:

## **I. ORDERS**

A. Section I of Executive Order 57 FY 19/20 is hereby amended as follows:

### **I. PREFACE**

This Order authorizes the implementation of the *Keep Maine Healthy: A Plan for Tourism in Maine Amid COVID-19* (Keep Maine Healthy Plan), incorporated herein by this reference. This Plan as adopted by this Order is multi-tiered and based on a preference for science-based tests, screenings, and disease prevention practices.

This Order repeals and replaces Executive Order 34 FY 19/20 and the extension of that Order provided in § III of Executive Order 49 and § I(G) of Executive Order 55 FY 19/20. This Order also modifies as provided in Part II below the quarantine requirement established by the Director of the Maine CDC.

B. Section II(B) of Executive Order 57 FY 19/20 is hereby amended as follows:

B. Quarantine upon arrival in Maine for the period established by the Director of the Maine CDC.

## **II. INTERPRETATION**

This Order is subject to interpretative guidance from Maine CDC, Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS), and Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).

## **III. ENFORCEMENT**

This Order is subject to all available methods of enforcement.

## **IV. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Order takes effect December 9, 2020 and shall remain in effect until repealed or amended.

  
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Janet T. Mills  
Governor