

Dear State Officials,

Please do not extend Governor Lamont's Emergency Orders. After 2 long years, Covid-19 is no longer a pandemic but an endemic. At first the emergency order was needed, but now it is clear that extending his powers is only needed to continue receiving over 1 million dollars in aid money each day, and have nothing to do with an ongoing emergency. Ultimately this money is funded through tax payers, and will have to be paid back by the tax payers. If we continue to extend this "emergency" just to keep getting money, it will never end. Our freedoms, health, voices and votes are not for sale.

The amount of breakthrough cases with Omicron makes proof of vaccination or vaccination/booster requirement obsolete. The data clearly shows that these vaccines do not prevent the spread, do not protect you from getting the virus, and only protect you from severe illness. It is a violation of human rights to force someone to take a vaccine against their will by threatening their livelihood particularly when it will not stop the spread. There is a shortage of nurses because they got fired/suspended for not being vaccinated. Take away that requirement and there will be no shortage. The virus has only gotten weaker and our treatments better, so there is no reason health care workers at hospitals or nursing homes should be fired or suspended for not getting the vaccine, especially when they were doing the job before one was available. The same goes for any state, school, and public employee or student.

Masks should also be optional, and should be made optional at the state level not local level. Making them optional at local level will only cause increased tensions among people.

If another reason comes up for the Governor to require emergency powers, a request can be made at that time.

Thank you