



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

No. 21.2

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### **CONTINUING THE DECLARATION OF A STATEWIDE DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO THE ONGOING SPREAD OF POLIO IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, a case of paralytic polio was identified on July 21, 2022, in an unvaccinated resident of Rockland County who had no international travel during the incubation period for polio;

WHEREAS, the poliovirus that infected the Rockland County individual has been identified as a case of vaccine-derived poliovirus, the last of which was identified in New York in 1990;

WHEREAS, genetically related poliovirus have been detected in wastewater samples collected from Kings, Nassau, Orange, Queens, Rockland, and Sullivan counties in April, May, June, July, August, September and October 2022;

WHEREAS, polio was declared eliminated in the United States in 1979, primarily due to high vaccination rates against polio;

WHEREAS, routine vaccination rates against polio across all ages have decreased throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine hesitancy has increased;

WHEREAS, vaccination rates against polio among 2-year old children in New York is 79%, and is significantly less than that in several counties and zip codes;

WHEREAS, local health departments are actively responding to the poliovirus outbreak through investigation support, contact identification and monitoring, vaccine administration for exposed contacts and focused current high-risk populations, and education and outreach;

WHEREAS, the State government must support the municipalities, localities, and counties in their efforts to facilitate and administer vaccinations and tests for poliovirus, and to prevent the disease from continuing to spread;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New York, do hereby extend the state disaster emergency as set forth in Executive Order 21, and do hereby continue the terms, conditions, and suspensions contained in Executive Order 21 and its successors, until December 8, 2022.



GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of Albany on this eighth day of November in the year two thousand twenty-two.

*Kathy Hochul*

BY THE GOVERNOR

*[Signature]*  
Secretary to the Governor