

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3 - 20

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO
THE KNOWN AND POTENTIAL PRESENCE OF
THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 IN PHILADELPHIA**

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a novel coronavirus disease, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to numerous countries, including to the United States and specifically to the City of Philadelphia and elsewhere in the region; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a rapidly moving infectious disease that the World Health Organization has declared a “pandemic” and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has declared a nationwide “public health emergency”; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Department of Public Health has activated its Incident Command System and the City has mobilized its emergency preparedness personnel and plans; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Pennsylvania issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6, 2020 in response to the imminent and emerging threat of COVID-19 that directed the activation of emergency response and recovery plans of the Commonwealth and political subdivisions, including the City, with the implementation of such plans to be coordinated by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; and “urge[d] the governing bodies and executive officers of all political subdivisions affected by this emergency to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies as legally authorized under [such] Proclamation . . . all without regard to those time consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law”; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 constitutes an emergency that affects the public health of the people of Philadelphia, and the time-sensitive nature of epidemic control mandates the City act promptly to mitigate avoidable death and disease:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James F. Kenney, by the powers vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia and pursuant to powers granted under 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501 and Section 10-819 of The Philadelphia Code, do hereby declare as follows:

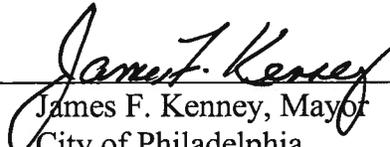
1. The known and potential presence in Philadelphia of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 constitutes a local disaster emergency and state of emergency pursuant to the terms of state and City law.

2. I hereby authorize all City of Philadelphia departments, agencies, boards and commissions to enter into contracts and agreements as may be required to meet the local health emergency, and authorize the City Solicitor, in consultation with the applicable contracting departments, to (a) identify any time-consuming procedures and formalities that may cause undue delay, including, as applicable, Section 8-200 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, Chapter 17-1400 of The Philadelphia Code, and such other generally applicable City contracting

requirements the City Solicitor determines are within the scope of 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501(d); and (b) to determine which such procedures and formalities will be dispensed with or suspended in connection with such contract or contracts as appropriate in light of the exigencies of the local health emergency.

3. I further authorize the Managing Director, in consultation with the City Solicitor, the Director of Finance, the Chief Administrative Officer, and such other officers of the City as necessary and appropriate, to identify such other time-consuming procedures and formalities that (a) the Managing Director determines are necessary to dispense with or suspend in light of the exigencies of the emergency situation in order to permit the departments, boards, and commissions of the City to carry out the performance of public work, incur obligations, employ temporary workers, levy taxes and appropriate and expend public funds; and (b) the City Solicitor determines to be within the scope of 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501(d).

Date: 3/13/20

By: 
James F. Kenney, Mayor
City of Philadelphia