

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



**Ron DeSantis**  
Governor

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State Surgeon General

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

In Re:

SUSPENSION OF STATUTES,  
ORDERS, AND RULES PURSUANT TO  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER  
22-218 MADE NECESSARY BY  
HURRICANE IAN.

DOH No. 22-002

**EMERGENCY ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, on September 23, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-218 regarding Tropical Depression Nine and declared a state of emergency in 24 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2022, Tropical Depression Nine strengthened into Tropical Storm Ian and Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-219 reaffirming his previous order and declaring a state-wide emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 26, 2022, Tropical Storm Ian strengthened to a Hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 85 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Ian poses a risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and the potential for isolated tornadic activity for the Florida Keys and much of Florida's Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat posed by Hurricane Ian requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of Executive Order 22-218 allows state agencies to suspend the

provisions of any regulatory statute, order, or rule, if strict compliance with the provisions of the statute, order, or rule would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH A. LADAPO, MD, PhD**, pursuant to section 4.B. of Executive Order No. 22-218, find that strict compliance with the provisions of certain regulatory statutes and rules prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business by the Florida Department of Health will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by Hurricane Ian. In order to effectively respond to the threat posed by Hurricane Ian it is necessary to promulgate the following:

Section 1:

Section 401.25(1)(d), Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Rules 64J-1.002(2)(b) and 64J-1.003(6)(c), which require licensed basic life support service providers, licensed advanced life support service providers, and licensed air ambulance services to obtain a certificate of public convenience from each county in which they operate, are likely to impede the Department of Health's ability to take actions needed to effectively facilitate the mitigation, response, and recovery necessary to respond to this emergency and are hereby suspended for the duration of Executive Order 22-218 and any modifications or extensions thereof.

Because section 252.36(6)(a), Florida Statutes, allows the Governor to suspend the provisions of "any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for [the] conduct of state business," and because Executive Order 22-218 provides the authority to issue this Emergency Order, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to this Order. This order shall remain in effect as stated above or until modified by order of the State Surgeon General.

Executed this 27th day of September 2022, in Department of Health offices, Tallahassee,  
Leon County, Florida.



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Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD  
State Surgeon General