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**CLIENT ALERT: Maine's State of Emergency Ends
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We've reached a significant landmark in the COVID-19 pandemic, with [Executive Order 40](#) officially ending Maine's state of civil emergency on June 30, 2021. The state of emergency was first declared on March 15, 2020. The Executive Order provides for an orderly transition out of the state of emergency by providing clarification regarding which executive orders expire and when they expire. Some COVID-related measures remain in effect past June 30th. Employers should take steps to ensure that they remain in compliance with the orders as applicable to their organization.

The most noteworthy Executive Orders – those requiring face coverings, social distancing, and capacity limits in public spaces – have already expired, but several Executive Orders temporarily survive the state of emergency. For example, Executive Order 52 impacts teaching credentials and certificates, including the expiration date of conditional certificates. While school may currently be on summer break, the expiration of these provisions may impact how schools and municipalities choose to plan for the upcoming school year. Executive Order 52 is set to expire on August 31, 2021.

Executive Order 40 serves to remind us that while the trepidation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic has settled, actions taken to address the pandemic will not simply disappear. Employers should continue to follow the guidance provided by federal, state, and local health officials, as well as monitor any additional action taken by the governor which may address the ever changing state of affairs as Maine recovers from this pandemic.