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RE: Promulgated Emergency Amendment and Important Notices

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I. PROMULGATED RULE AMENDMENTS

[*AO 49 Amendment - Declaration of Judicial Emergency and Changes to Court Procedures 11-4-21*](#)

This Order was promulgated on **November 4, 2021, effective immediately.**

The Court has further amended A.O. 49, which declared a Judicial Emergency on March 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To facilitate planning, allow for continued flexibility in operations, and maintain public health during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the effective date of the Administrative Order is extended to March 1, 2022. The Court will continue to amend provisions of the order as necessary to respond to changing public-health conditions.

The Administrative Order is amended to provide the Board of Bar Examiners with authority to establish health and safety protocols for an in-person bar examination. To protect the health and safety of applicants and staff, the Board may, among other things, require masking and social distancing, and proof of vaccination and a negative COVID-19 test result. Applicants will be provided with these protocols in advance and will be asked to leave or denied entry if they refuse to comply.

The full Order and other updates regarding COVID-19 and court operations are available at [<https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/about-vermont-judiciary/covid-19-and-court-operations>]

II. IMPORTANT NOTICES

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