

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

COVID-19 trends throughout New Jersey have improved over the past several weeks, as reflected in the New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH) COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI) reports. New cases and hospitalizations are continuing to decrease. As a result, the general suspension of depositions of and appearances by healthcare providers as set forth in the Court's December 8, 2020 Order is no longer necessary. However, individual frontline healthcare workers who are treating patients with COVID-19 should continue to be relieved of the requirement to appear in court or for a deposition.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that effective immediately and pending further order:

1. The general suspension of depositions and appearances for any doctors, nurses, or other healthcare professionals involved in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency is concluded.
2. Further suspensions and extensions may be requested in individual cases. Any such request should be supported by a certification by the healthcare provider that describes how they are involved in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Such applications should be liberally granted.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: May 13, 2021