

ADOPTION SECTION

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**DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, LABORATORIES AND
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

OFFICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Notice of Extension of Chapter Expiration Date

**Public Health Practice Standards of Performance for Local Boards of Health in
New Jersey**

N.J.A.C. 8:52

Take notice that the Commissioner of the Department of Health (Department) informed Governor Phillip D. Murphy that N.J.A.C. 8:52 was scheduled to expire on July 10, 2022, pursuant to the sunset provisions at N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.

The rules at N.J.A.C. 8:52 establish the public health practice standards of performance for local boards of health in New Jersey. The chapter includes rules concerning public health practice, staffing, and nursing; administrative services; public health education and promotion; environmental health; assuring workforce competencies; community public health partnerships; monitoring health status; policy development; diagnosis and investigation of health problems and hazards; preventive personal health services and access to health care; enforcement of public health laws; health-related research; and evaluation of population-based health services.

The Department advised the Governor that it is currently undertaking rulemaking that would revise, update, and reorganize existing N.J.A.C. 8:52, and anticipates filing

these revisions with the Office of Administrative Law for processing in the ordinary course. However, these revisions will not be adopted prior to the expiration of existing N.J.A.C. 8:52. The Commissioner, in consultation with the Public Health Council, has reviewed N.J.A.C. 8:52, and has determined that, pending the finalization of the anticipated rule revisions, the existing chapter remains necessary and should be readopted. The readoption was presented to and approved by the Public Health Council on June 13, 2022, and filed with the Office of Administrative Law the same day.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1) and N.J.A.C. 1:30-6.4(h), the readoption must be filed with the Office of Administrative Law thirty days prior to the rule expiration date. Because continuing these rules will allow for the regulation of public health standards of performance in New Jersey without interruption, by the authority vested in him pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.d(2), Governor Phillip D. Murphy, on June 30, 2022, directed that the seven-year sunset provision of N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1 be extended for N.J.A.C. 8:52 from July 10, 2022 to July 13, 2022.