#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

LA CAMPAGNA INC., D/B/A LA CAMPAGNA RISTORANTE, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated,

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT** 

Plaintiff,

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

ERIE INSURANCE GROUP,

v.

Defendant.

Plaintiff La Campagna Inc., d/b/a La Campagna Ristorante ("Plaintiff" or "La Campagna") brings this Complaint on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated (the "Class"), alleging relief against Defendant Erie Insurance Group ("Defendant" or "Erie") and avers as follows:

#### NATURE OF THE CASE

- 1. This is a class action seeking declaratory relief arising from Plaintiff and Class members' contracts of insurance with Defendant.
- 2. In light of the global coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic and state and local government orders ("Civil Authority Orders") mandating that all non-essential in-store businesses must shut down nationwide, restaurants, including but not limited to Plaintiff's business, have suffered significant business losses.
- 3. Plaintiff and Class members' insurance policies provide coverage for all non-excluded business losses, and thus provide coverage here.
- 4. As a result, Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to declaratory relief that their businesses are covered for all business losses that have been incurred in an amount greater than \$5,000,000.00.

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 5. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because: (1) the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs; (2) the action is a class action; (3) there are members of the Class who are diverse from Defendant; and (4) there are more than 100 Class members.
- 6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Erie. Erie's principal place of business and headquarters is located at 100 Erie Insurance Place, Erie, PA 16530. Further, at all relevant times, Erie has engaged in substantial business activities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Erie transacted, solicited, and conducted business in Pennsylvania through its employees, agents, and/or sales representatives, and derived substantial revenue from such business in Pennsylvania. Defendant purposefully availed itself of personal jurisdiction in Pennsylvania because it contracted to provide insurance to Plaintiff and Class members in Pennsylvania which is the subject of this case.
- 7. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and (2) because Plaintiff and Defendant are Pennsylvania corporations and because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this District.

#### **PARTIES**

8. At all relevant times, Plaintiff La Campagna has been authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. La Campagna Inc. is located at 101 Hardwood Lane, Warminster, Pennsylvania 18974 and owns, operates, manages, and/or controls La Campagna Ristorante located at 1179 West Thatcher Road in Quakertown, Pennsylvania 18951 (the "Covered Property").

- 9. Defendant Erie is an insurance carrier headquartered at 100 Erie Insurance Place, Erie, PA 16530 and, among other things, provides business interruption insurance to Plaintiff and Class members.
- 10. At all relevant times, Defendant issued an insurance policy to Plaintiff (policy number is Q40 2250619 A) that included coverage for, among other things, business interruption losses, incurred by Plaintiff from April 22, 2019 until April 22, 2020. *See* Policy Declaration page, attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Plaintiff has renewed this Policy and is covered by Defendant under the same terms for the period April 22, 2020 through April 22, 2021 and has already begun making payments to Defendant for this coverage.
- 11. The policy, in effect at the time the Covered Property sustained business interruption losses arising out of the Civil Authority Orders described herein, includes coverage for, among other things, income protection, business personal property, civil authority and extended business income.
- 12. Plaintiff submitted a claim for losses which was assigned Claim No. A00002511147. On March 25, 2020, Defendant provided Plaintiff a letter denying any and all claims. *See* Denial Letter (page 1 only), attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- 13. Upon information and belief, Erie will assert its insurance policies do not provide coverage for business interruption closures for all similarly situated Class members because of the exclusion in its policies "by or resulting from any virus, bacterium, or other microorganism" (the "Virus Exclusion"). Erie will also assert that there is no coverage under the policy's Business Income, Extra Expense, Civil Authority, or any other applicable provisions because they each require direct physical loss of or damage to property, which Erie will claim does not exist here or, upon information and belief, for any similarly situated Class member. *Id.* On information and

belief, Erie intends to deny coverage to all Class members that file a business interruption claim in these circumstances.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

#### I. Insurance Coverage

- 14. Plaintiff and Class members faithfully paid policy premiums to Defendant, specifically to provide, among other things, additional coverages in the event of business interruption or closures by order of Civil Authority and for business income loss for property loss or damage.
- 15. The terms of the Policy explicitly provide the insured with insurance coverage for income protection, along with any necessary extra expenses incurred, when access to the Insured's properties is specifically prohibited by Civil Authority Orders. This additional coverage is identified as coverage under "Civil Authority" and states in part as follows:

#### C. Additional Coverages

#### 1. Civil Authority

When a peril insured against causes damage to property other than property at the premises described in the "Declarations", we will pay for the actual loss of "income" and/or "rental income" you sustain and necessary "extra expense" caused by action of civil authority that prohibits access to the premises described in the "Declarations" provided that both of the following apply:

- a. Access to the area immediately surrounding the damaged property is prohibited by civil authority as a result of the damage, and the premises described in the "Declarations" are within that area but are not more than one mile from the damaged property; and
- b. The action of civil authority is taken in response to dangerous physical conditions resulting from the damage or continuation of the peril insured against that caused the damage, or the action is taken to enable a civil authority to have unimpeded access to the damaged property.

- 16. The Policy is an all-risk policy, insofar as it provides that covered causes of loss under the policy provides coverage for all covered losses, including but not limited to direct physical loss and/or direct physical damage, unless a loss is specifically excluded or limited in the Policy.
- 17. The Policy also provides coverage for damages resulting from "interruption of business" when there is property loss or damage.
- 18. The Policy's Virus Exclusion does not apply to the closure of Plaintiffs' businesses as a result of the orders issued by a Civil Authority due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 19. Nonetheless, based on information and belief, Defendant has accepted policy premiums paid by Plaintiff and the Class with no intention of providing coverage for business income losses resulting from orders of a Civil Authority that the insured businesses be shut down, or any related property damage.
- 20. On information and belief, Defendant asserts any losses resulting from property damage or from Civil Authority Orders to cease normal business operations are not covered under the terms of the Policy's Virus Exclusion. Defendant is wrong. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused Plaintiff and the proposed Class property damage and physical loss. Moreover, the Civil Authority Orders have also caused Plaintiff and the proposed Class to suffer compensable property damage and business losses. Further, and as a result, the aforementioned exclusion does not apply to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### II. The COVID-19 Pandemic

21. The scientific community, and those personally affected by the virus, recognize COVID-19 as a cause of real physical loss and damage. It is clear that contamination of the Insured Properties would be a direct physical loss requiring remediation to clean the surfaces of the dental practice.

- 22. On information and belief, the virus that causes COVID-19 remains stable and transmittable: in airborne aerosols for up to three hours; on copper for up to four hours; on cardboard for up to 24 hours; and on plastic and stainless steel for up to two to three days. *See* <a href="https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/new-coronavirus-stable-hours-surfaces">https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/new-coronavirus-stable-hours-surfaces</a> (last visited April 9, 2020).
- 23. The CDC has issued a guidance recommending that gatherings of more than 10 people must not occur. People in congregate environments, which are places where people live, eat, and sleep in close proximity, face increased danger of contracting COVID-19.
- 24. The global Coronavirus pandemic is exacerbated by the fact that the deadly virus physically infects and stays on surfaces of objects or materials, "fomites," for up to twenty-eight (28) days.
- 25. China, Italy, France, and Spain have implemented procedures requiring the cleaning and disinfection of public areas prior to allowing them to re-open publicly due to COVID-19 contamination.

#### **III.** Civil Authority

- A. <u>Pennsylvania</u>
- 26. On March 6, 2020, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, the first formal recognition of an emergency situation in the Commonwealth as a result of COVID-19. *See* Exhibit 3.
- 27. On March 19, 2020 Governor Wolf issued an Order requiring all non-life-sustaining businesses in Commonwealth to cease operations and close all physical locations. Businesses that were permitted to remain open were required to follow "social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control.";

https://www.scribd.com/document/452416027/20200319-TWW-COVID-19-Business-Closure-Order (last visited April 7, 2020).

- 28. On March 23, 2020, Governor Wolf issued a Stay-at-Home Order for residents of Philadelphia, Allegheny, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Monroe, and Montgomery Counties. *See* Exhibit 4. On that same date, the Pennsylvania Department of Health issued a similar Order, noting that "operation of non-life-sustaining businesses present the opportunity for unnecessary gatherings, personal contact and interaction that will increase the risk of transmission and the risk of community spread of COVID–19." *See* Exhibit 5.
- 29. On April 1, 2020, Governor Wolf extended the March 23, 2020 Stay at Home Order to the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. *See* Exhibit 6.
- 30. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court recently clarified the Governor's Orders and supported Plaintiff's position that physical loss and damage exists resulting in coverage here. *See Friends of DeVito, et. al v. Wolf,* No. 68 MM 2020 (Pa. April 13, 2020).
- 31. On April 20, 2020, Governor Wolf and Pennsylvania Secretary of Health extended the statewide stay-at-home orders through Friday, May 8, 2020. <a href="https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-sec-of-health-extend-statewide-stay-at-home-order-until-may-8/">https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-sec-of-health-extend-statewide-stay-at-home-order-until-may-8/</a> (last visited April 22, 2020).
- 32. On May 7, 2020, Governor Wolf again extended the statewide stay-at-home orders through June 4, 2020. *See https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/20200507-TWW-Stay-at-Home-Order-Amendment.pdf* (last visited May 31, 2020)

#### B. Other States

33. The shut-down Civil Authority Orders issued by Pennsylvania authorities covering Pennsylvania non-essential businesses are similar to Civil Authority Orders that have been issued nationwide by state and local civil authorities. *See* https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-state-by-state-

<u>guide-to-coronavirus-lockdowns-11584749351</u>. Defendant operates the District of Columbia and in the following states:

#### 1. Illinois

- **Travel outside home:** Only for essential needs/work.
- **Gatherings:** 10-person limit.
- **Businesses:** Nonessential businesses are limited to minimum operations or remote work.
- Quarantines: No statewide directive.
- **Bars/restaurants:** Dine-out only.
- Beaches/parks: State parks, fish and wildlife areas, recreational areas and historic sites are closed.

#### 2. Indiana

- **Travel outside home:** Only for essential needs/work.
- **Gatherings:** 10-person limit.
- **Businesses:** Nonessential businesses are limited to minimum operations or remote work.
- Quarantines: No statewide directive.
- Bars/restaurants: Dine-out only.
- **Beaches/parks:** Hiking, biking, fishing, boating, birding, hunting and camping are allowed with social distancing.

#### 3. Kentucky

- **Travel outside home:** Travel outside the state is restricted to essential needs/work.
- **Gatherings:** Mass gatherings prohibited; smaller gatherings are allowed with social distancing.
- **Businesses:** Nonessential retail must close.

- **Quarantines:** Anybody coming in from out of state—including residents—must self-quarantine for 14 days upon return.
- Bars/restaurants: Dine-out only.
- **Beaches/parks:** State parks closed for overnight stays.

#### 4. Maryland

- **Travel outside home:** Only for essential needs/work.
- **Gatherings:** 10-person limit.
- Businesses: Nonessential businesses are limited to minimum operations or remote work. Senior-citizen activities centers are closed.
- Quarantines: People traveling into Maryland from anywhere outside Maryland are required to self-quarantine for 14 days with limited exceptions. (Guidance)
- Bars/restaurants: Dine-out only.
- **Beaches/parks:** State park beaches are closed. Some parks remain open.

#### 5. New York

- Travel outside home: Only for essential needs/work. Individuals age 70 and older and those with compromised immune systems must stay home and limit home-visitation to immediate family members or close friends.
- **Gatherings:** Nonessential gatherings are prohibited.
- **Businesses:** Nonessential businesses limited to minimum operations or remote work. (Guidance)
- **Quarantines:** No mandatory quarantine for out-of-state travelers. Mandatory quarantines for people who have been in close contact with a Covid-19 patient.
- **Bars/restaurants:** Dine-out only.
- **Beaches/parks:** Social distancing at state parks.

#### 6. North Carolina

- **Travel outside home:** Only for essential needs/work.
- **Gatherings:** 10-person limit.

- **Businesses:** Nonessential businesses are limited to minimum operations or remote work.
- Quarantines: No statewide directive.
- Bars/restaurants: Dine-out only.
- **Beaches/parks:** People may go to public parks and outdoor recreation areas unless locally restricted.

#### 7. Ohio

- **Travel outside home:** Only for essential needs/work.
- **Gatherings:** 10-person limit.
- **Businesses:** Nonessential businesses and operations must cease all activities except minimum basic operations.
- **Quarantines:** Travelers arriving in Ohio should self-quarantine for 14 days with limited exceptions.
- Bars/restaurants: Dine-out only.
- **Beaches/parks:** Wildlife areas, forests and nature preserves remain open.

#### 8. Pennsylvania

- **Travel outside home:** Only for essential needs/work.
- **Gatherings:** Gatherings are generally prohibited.
- **Businesses:** Non-life-sustaining businesses must close or operate remotely.
- **Quarantines:** No statewide directive.
- Bars/restaurants: Dine-out only.
- **Beaches/parks:** Trails, lakes, roads and parking are limited to "passive and dispersed recreation."

#### 9. Tennessee

- **Travel outside home:** Only for essential needs/work.
- **Gatherings:** Social gatherings of 10 or more people prohibited.

- **Businesses:** Nonessential businesses are limited to minimum operations or remote work.
- Quarantines: No statewide directive.
- **Bars/restaurants:** Dine-out only.
- **Beaches/parks:** Most state parks have reopened for day-use only.

#### 10. Virginia

- **Travel outside home:** Only for essential needs/work.
- **Gatherings:** 10-person limit.
- **Businesses:** Recreation and entertainment businesses must close.
- Quarantines: No statewide directive.
- Bars/restaurants: Dine-out only.
- **Beaches/parks:** Beaches are closed except for fishing and exercising. State parks are open for day-use activities. Campgrounds are closed.

#### 11. West Virginia

- **Travel outside home:** Only for essential needs/work.
- **Gatherings:** Five-person limit with some exceptions.
- **Businesses:** Nonessential businesses are limited to minimum operations or remote work.
- Quarantines: Two-week mandatory quarantines for people traveling into West Virginia from areas of substantial community spread of Covid-19.
- Bars/restaurants: Dine-out only.
- **Beaches/parks:** Park lodges, cabins and campgrounds are closed.

#### 12. Wisconsin

- **Travel outside home:** Only for essential needs/work.
- **Gatherings:** All public and private gatherings are prohibited with limited exceptions.

- **Businesses:** Nonessential businesses are limited to minimum operations or remote work.
- **Quarantines:** No mandatory quarantine for out-of-state travelers. Self-quarantine recommended for out-of-state travelers.
- **Bars/restaurants:** Dine-out only.
- **Beaches/parks:** Many state parks are closed. Campgrounds are closed.
- 34. Further, on April 10, 2020 President Trump indicated his support insurance coverage for business loss like that suffered by Plaintiff and the proposed Class:

REPORTER: Mr. President may I ask you about credit and debt as well. Many American individuals, families, have had to tap their credit cards during this period of time. And businesses have had to draw down their credit lines. Are you concerned Mr. President that that may hobble the U.S. economy, all of that debt number one? And number two, would you suggest to credit card companies to reduce their fees during this time?

<u>PRESIDENT TRUMP</u>: Well it's something that we've already suggested, we're talking to them. Business interruption insurance, I'd like to see these insurance companies—you know you have people that have paid. When I was in private I had business interruption. When my business was interrupted through a hurricane or whatever it may be, I'd have business where I had it, I did not always have it, sometimes I had it, sometimes, I had a lot of different companies. But if I had it I'd expect to be paid. You have people. I speak mostly to the restaurateurs, where they have a restaurant, they've been paying for 25, 30, 35 years, business interruption. They've never needed it. All of a sudden they need it. And I'm very good at reading language. I did very well in these subjects, OK. And I do not see the word pandemic mentioned. Now in some cases it is, it's an exclusion. But in a lot of cases I do not see it. I do not see it referenced. And they do not want to pay up. I would like to see the insurance companies pay if they need to pay, if it's fair. And they know what's fair, and I know what's fair, I can tell you very quickly. But business interruption insurance, that's getting a lot money to a lot of people. And they've been paying for years, sometimes they just started paying, but you have people that have never asked for business interruption insurance, and they've been paying a lot of money for a lot of years for the privilege of having it, and then when they finally need it, the insurance company says 'we're not going to give it.' We can ot let that happen.

https://youtu.be/cMeG5C9TjU (last visited on April 17, 2020) (emphasis added).

- 35. The President is articulating a few core points:
  - a. Business interruption is a common type of insurance.
  - b. Businesses pay in premiums for this coverage and should reasonably expect they'll receive the benefit of the coverage.
  - c. The COVID-19 pandemic should be covered unless there is a specific exclusion for pandemics.
  - d. If insurers deny business loss coverage due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they would be acting in bad faith.
- 36. The Civil Authority Orders and proclamations referenced herein, as they relate to the closure of all "non-life- sustaining businesses," evidence an awareness on the part of both state and local governments that COVID-19 causes damage to property. This is particularly true for businesses such as Plaintiff's, where customer or client interaction and personal contact results in a heightened risk of the property becoming contaminated.

#### IV. Impact on Plaintiff and the Class

- 37. Prior to March 16, 2020, Plaintiff was opened to all customers from Wednesday through Saturday from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., and Friday Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. As a result of the Orders referenced herein, Plaintiff shut its doors to customers on March 16, 2020 and continues to be shut down for on-premises dining. *See* <a href="http://www.lacampagnabucks.com">http://www.lacampagnabucks.com</a> (last visited June 3, 2020). Since the Civil Authority Order requiring its shutdown, La Campagna continues to offer carryout and delivery services from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday LIMITED MENU. During this time, its indoor dining room and outside dining remain closed to customers.
- 38. Plaintiff's business loss occurred on March 16, 2020 when Pennsylvania Civil Authorities required all businesses to cease non-essential operations at the end of the business day on March 16, 2020.

- 39. As a further direct and proximate result of the Orders, Plaintiff was forced to lay off two employees in March and April, but has since hired these employees back on a limited basis to assist with carryout and takeout orders.
- 40. Plaintiff's business, like that of other Class members, is not a closed environment, and because people staff, customers, community members, and others constantly cycle in and out of the restaurant, there is an ever-present risk that the Insured Property is contaminated and would continue to be contaminated.
- 41. Businesses like the Plaintiff's are more susceptible to being or becoming contaminated, as both respiratory droplets and fomites are more likely to be retained on the Insured Property and remain viable for far longer as compared to other types of businesses.
- 42. Plaintiff's business is also highly susceptible to rapid person-to-property transmission of the virus, and vice-versa, because the service nature of the business places staff and customers in close proximity to the property and to one another.
- 43. A declaratory judgment determining that the insureds are entitled to business loss coverage under the Policy is necessary to prevent Plaintiff and Class members from being left without bargained-for insurance coverage required to ensure the survival of their child care centers due to the Civil Authorities' response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of these Civil Authority Orders, Plaintiff and Class members have incurred, and continue to incur, among other things, a substantial loss of business income and additional expenses, which losses are covered under the terms of Defendant's insurance policies.

#### **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

44. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2) on behalf of the following Class:

All restaurants that have suffered business interruption and lost income as a result of Civil Authority Orders issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 45. Upon information and belief, Defendant does not cover business interruption in contravention to the uniform language contained in the insurance policies it has issued to restaurants.
- 46. The exact number of the Class members is unknown as such information is in exclusive control of Defendant. However, due to the nature and commerce involved, Plaintiff believes the Class consists of thousands of insureds nationwide, making joinder of the Class members impractical.
- 47. Common questions of law and fact affect the right of each Class member. Plaintiff is seeking Declaratory Relief for all Class members with similar polices to Plaintiff. Declaratory relief will permit adjudication of the rights of all parties as to whether Defendant's policies provide coverage for business interruptions losses the Class has suffered as a result of property loss and the Civil Authority Orders.
- 48. Common questions of law and fact that affect the Class members include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Whether Defendant was legally obligated to pay for business interruption as a result of Civil Authority Orders issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
  - b. Whether Plaintiff and Class members have suffered physical "loss" or damage in accordance with the terms and conditions of Defendant's business interruption insurance policies;
  - c. Whether Plaintiff and Class members are excluded from coverage for losses they suffered due to the Civil Authority Orders as a result of the Virus Exclusion(s) contained in Defendant's insurance policies;
  - d. Whether Defendant is justified in denying Plaintiff and Class members' claims.

- 49. The claims and defenses of Plaintiff, as a representative plaintiff, are typical of the claims and defenses of the Class because Defendant wrongfully denied that its policy covers claims to Plaintiff and the Class members.
- 50. Plaintiff, as a representative plaintiff, will fairly and adequately assert and protect the interests of the Class.
  - a. Plaintiff has hired attorneys who are experienced in prosecuting class actions and will adequately represent the interests of the Class; and
  - b. Plaintiff has no conflict of interest that will interfere with the maintenance of a class action.
- 51. A class action provides a fair and efficient method for adjudication of the controversy for the following reasons:
  - a. Prosecution of separate actions by individual Class members would create a risk of inconsistent and varying results against Defendant when confronted with incompatible standards of conduct; and
  - b. Adjudications with respect to individual Class members could, as a practical matter, be dispositive of any interest of other members not parties to such adjudications and substantially impair their ability to protect their interests.
- 52. In addition to denying claims that have been filed like the Plaintiff's here (*see* Ex. 2), Defendant has taken steps to discourage the Class from submitting claims under their policies. Upon information and belief, Defendant has sent a uniform letter to all insurance brokers and has advised them to advise Class members that insureds do not have a claim under the terms of their policy(ies). For this reason, Declaratory relief for the entire class is appropriate and necessary.

#### **CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **DECLARATORY RELIEF**

53. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference into this cause of action each and every allegation set forth in each and every paragraph of this Complaint.

- 54. The Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201(a), provides that in "a case of actual controversy within its jurisdiction . . . any court of the United States . . . may declare the rights and other legal relations of any interested party seeking such declaration, whether or not further relief is or could be sought." 28 U.S.C. § 2201(a).
- 55. An actual controversy has arisen between Plaintiff and the Defendant as to the rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations of the parties under the terms of the Policy in that Plaintiff contends and, on information and belief, the Defendant disputes and denies that:
  - a. The Civil Authorities' Orders constitute a prohibition of access to Plaintiff's Covered Property;
  - b. The prohibition of access by the Orders has specifically prohibited access as defined in the Policy;
  - c. The Policy's Virus Exclusion does not apply to the business losses incurred by Plaintiff here that are proximately caused by the Civil Authority Orders issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
  - d. The Civil Authorities' Orders trigger coverage under the terms of the Policy;
  - e. The Policy provides coverage to Plaintiff for any current and future Civil Authority closures of its businesses due to physical loss or damage directly or indirectly from the COVID-19 pandemic under the Civil Authority coverage parameters; and
  - f. The Policy provides business income coverage in the event that the COVID-19 pandemic directly or indirectly causes physical loss or damage at the Covered Property or immediate area of the Covered Property.
- 56. Resolution of the duties, responsibilities and obligation of the parties is necessary as no adequate remedy at law exists and a declaration of the Court is needed to resolve the dispute and controversy.
- 57. Plaintiff seeks a Declaratory Judgment to determine whether the Civil Authority Orders constitute a prohibition of access to Plaintiff's Covered Property as Civil Authority as defined in the Policy.

- 58. Plaintiff further seeks a Declaratory Judgment to affirm that the Civil Authority Orders trigger coverage.
- 59. Plaintiff further seeks a Declaratory Judgment to affirm that Defendant's Policies provide coverage to Plaintiff and the Class for any current and future business personal property losses, loss of business income, and extended business income losses as a result of Civil Authority Orders affecting the operation of their business due to physical loss or damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and the proposed Class herein prays as follows:

- a. For a declaration that the Civil Authorities Orders constitute an insured impairment on the operation of Plaintiff's Covered Property.
- b. To certify the proposed Class under Rule 23(b)(2).
- c. To direct notice to the Class under Rules 23.
- d. For a declaration that the Civil Authorities' Orders constitute the type of prohibition of access or restriction on business operations that is defined in the Policy.
- e. For a declaration that the Civil Authorities' Orders trigger coverage under the Policy.
- f. For a declaration that the Virus Exclusion in the policy does not prohibit coverage.
- g. For a declaration that the Policy provides coverage to Plaintiff for any current, future and continued Civil Authority closures of its businesses due to physical loss or damage directly or indirectly from the COVID-19 pandemic under the Policy's Civil Authority coverage parameters.
- h. For a declaration that the Policy provides business income coverage in the event that COVID-19 has directly or indirectly caused a loss or damage at the Plaintiff's Covered Property or the immediate area of the Plaintiff's Covered Property.
- i. For such other relief as the Court may deem proper.

#### TRIAL BY JURY IS DEMANDED

Plaintiff hereby demands trial by jury.

Dated: June 8, 2020 Respectfully submitted,

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### Case 2:20-cv-02689 Document 1-1 Filed 06/08/20 Page 1 of 3 CIVIL COVER SHEET

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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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RENEWAL CERTIFICATE

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Policy Number

AA8455

Agent

VIRGINIA D REISS

04/22/19 TO 04/22/20 Q40 2250619 A

ITEM 1. Named Insured and Address LA CAMPAGNA INC 101 HARDWOOD LANE WARMINSTER PA 18974-1368

ITEM 3. Other Interest

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS LOCATION 1, BUILDING 1

LOCATION OF PREMISES

OCCUPANCY/OPERATIONS

1179 W THATCHER RD, HAYCOCK TWP, BUCKS CO, PA 18951

RESTAURANT

INTEREST OF NAMED INSURED IN SUCH PREMISES - GENERAL LESSEE

PROPERTY PROTECTION

COVERAGES

CO-INS % AMOUNT OF INSURANCE

\$

1. BUILDINGS

80

658,000

2. BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND

80

75,000

PERSONAL PROPERTY OF OTHERS 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME PROTECTION

OCCURRENCE

OPTIONAL COVERAGES - PROPERTY PROTECTION

INCOME PROTECTION - ACTUAL LOSS SUSTAINED - COVERAGE/3

INCL

POLICYHOLDER RENEWAL SERVICE -

BUILDING AMOUNT INCREASED BY - 4 PERCENT COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE

FIRST MORTGAGEE QNB BANK ISAOA PO BOX 9005 QUAKERTOWN PA 18951-9005

LOCATION 1

CRIME COVERAGES

AMOUNT OF INSURANCE

SPECIAL BURGLARY & ROBBERY

\$ 1000 DEDUCTIBLE

\$

5,000

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POLICY PERIOD BEGINS AND ENDS AT 12.01 A.M. STANDARD TIME AT THE STATED ADDRESS OF THE NAMED INSURED.

THE INSURANCE APPLIES TO THOSE PREMISES DESCRIBED AS PER THE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS. THIS IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE TERMS OF THE POLICY AND ATTACHED FORMS AND ENDORSEMENTS

DEDUCTIBLE (PROPERTY PROTECTION ONLY) - \$ 1,000. **COVERAGES:** 

PROPERTY PROTECTION - AS PER THE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS

DEPOSIT PREMIUM INCL

INCL

1. BUILDINGS 2. BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF OTHERS

INCL

3. ADDITIONAL INCOME PROTECTION

4. GLASS AND LETTERING 5. SIGNS, LIGHTS AND CLOCKS

LIMITS OF INSURANCE

INCL

PREMIUM BASIS - SALES

EACH OCCURRENCE LIMIT

\$ 1,000,000

DAMAGE TO PREMISES

RENTED TO YOU LIMIT

\$ 1,000,000 ANY ONE PREMISES

MEDICAL EXPENSE LIMIT

\$ 5,000 ANY ONE PERSON

PERSONAL & ADVERTISING INJURY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000 ANY ONE PERSON OR ORGANIZATION

GENERAL AGGREGATE LIMIT

\$ 2,000,000

PRODUCTS/COMPLETED OPERATIONS AGGREGATE LIMIT \$ 2,000,000

OPTIONAL COVERAGES

SEE NEXT PAGE

TOTAL DEPOSIT PREMIUM

\$ 5025.

APPLICABLE FORMS - SEE SCHEDULE OF FORMS



#### OPTIONAL COVERAGES

SPECIAL BURGLARY AND ROBBERY	\$ INCL
ENHANCEMENT ENDORSEMENT - HOSPITALITY ENDORSEMENT	\$ INCL
ADDITIONAL INSURED - MANAGERS OR LESSORS OF PREMISES (CG2011)	\$ INCL

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FORM NUMBER	EDITION DATE	DESCRIPTION	
ULF	03/01	ULTRAFLEX PACKAGE POLICY	
IL0910	07/02	PENNSYLVANIA NOTICE	
IL0246	09/07	PENNSYLVANIA CHANGES - CANCELLATION AND NONRENEWAL	
GU44	03/01	PENNSYLVANIA AMENDATORY ENDORSEMENT	
IL985G*	01/15	INSURANCE ACT	
UF8705*	06/96	IMPORTANT NOTICE - NO FLOOD COVERAGE	
UF4810*	03/08	IMPORTANT NOTICE - POLICY SERVICE FEES	
UF6330*	08/09	IMPORTANT NOTICE: DO YOU USE SUBCONTRACTORS?	
FORM SA	11/12	SUBSCRIBERS AGREEMENT	
FX0001	11/18 *	ULTRAFLEX COMMERCIAL PROPERTY COVERAGE PART	
GU51	03/01	PENNSYLVANIA AMENDATORY ENDORSEMENT	
IL0952	01/15	CAP ON LOSSES FROM CERTIFIED ACTS OF TERRORISM	
ULQB	06/13	INCOME PROTECTION - ACTUAL LOSS SUSTAINED	
ULOA	07/16	PRODUCTION OR PROCESS MACHINERY - DEDUCTIBLE	
ULKC	10/09	SPECIAL BURGLARY AND ROBBERY COVERAGE ENDORSEM	ENT
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CG2011	04/13	ADDITIONAL INSURED - MANAGERS OR LESSORS OF PREMISES	



#### SCHEDULE OF FORMS (CONTINUED)

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ULOY	06/14	COVERAGE FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES
CG0001	04/13	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE FORM
ULED	09/05	EXCLUSION - ASBESTOS
FX0003	07/16	ULTRAFLEX EXTRA LIABILITY COVERAGES
ULQN	06/14	EXCLUSION - PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY
CG0099	11/85	CHANGES IN GENERAL LIABILITY FORMS FOR COMMERCIAL PACKAGE POLICIES
CG2147	12/07	EMPLOYMENT-RELATED PRACTICES EXCLUSION
IL0021	09/08	NUCLEAR ENERGY LIABILITY EXCLUSION ENDORSEMENT
GU30	03/01	AMENDMENT OF POLICY - TWO OR MORE COVERAGE PARTS
GU32	03/01	EXCLUSION - LEAD LIABILITY
IL0017	11/98	COMMON POLICY CONDITIONS
CG2167	12/04	FUNGI OR BACTERIA EXCLUSION
CG2170	01/15	CAP ON LOSSES FROM CERTIFIED ACTS OF TERRORISM
CG2109	06/15	EXCLUSION - UNMANNED AIRCRAFT
UF8385	03/95	IMPORTANT NOTICE
CG2196	03/05	SILICA OR SILICA-RELATED DUST EXCLUSION
GU136	03/09	AMENDMENT OF MOBILE EQUIPMENT DEFINITION
ULTD	12/09	AMENDMENT OF OCCURRENCE DEFINITION FOR SUBCONTRACTED WORK

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FORM NUMBER

**EDITION DATE** 

**DESCRIPTION** 

CG2106

05/14

EXCLUSION-ACCESS OR DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL OR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND DATA-RELATED LIABILITY-

WITH LIMITED BODILY INJURY EXCEPTION

## EXHIBIT 2



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March 25, 2020

Antonio And Anna Colette 101 Hardwood Ln Warminster, PA 18974-1368

Re: ERIE Claim

A00002511147

ERIE Policy: Date of Loss: Q402250619 March 16, 2020

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Colette:

This letter is in reference to the above-captioned claim which was reported to Erie Insurance Exchange (ERIE) on March 19, 2020 seeking coverage under the Ultraflex Policy Q402250619 issued to La Campagna Inc.

During our conversation on March 20.2020, you explained that your restaurant was closed because of a statewide closure due to the COVID-19 virus. We regret to inform you that there is no coverage for your loss of income because there is no direct physical loss to your building or business personal property. In addition, the policy excludes coverage for damage caused by virus, bacterium, or microorganism.

Please reference the Insuring Agreement for Building(s) - Coverage I, Business Personal Property - Coverage II and Additional Income Protection - Coverage III reads in relevant part:

#### **SECTION I - COVERAGES**

#### INSURING AGREEMENT

We will pay for direct physical "loss" of or damage to covered property at the premises described in the "Declarations" caused by or resulting from a peril insured against.

SECTION II - PERILS INSURED AGAINST states:

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**BUILDING(S) - COVERAGE 1** 

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF OTHERS -**COVERAGE 2** 

**ADDITIONAL INCOME PROTECTION - COVERAGE 3** 

**Covered Cause of Loss** 

This policy insures against direct physical "loss", except "loss" as excluded or limited in this policy.

A00002511147-la campagna-Denial FX0001 Covid 19

# EXHIBIT 3



#### PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

#### March 6, 2020

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (now known as "COVID-19") emerged in Wuhan, China, began infecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to 89 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") have declared COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern," and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Commonwealth") has been working in collaboration with the CDC, HHS, and local health agencies since December 2019 to monitor and plan for the containment and subsequent mitigation of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2020, the Commonwealth's Department of Health activated its Department Operations Center at the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's headquarters to conduct public health and medical coordination for COVID-19 throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency ordered the activation of its Commonwealth Response Coordination Center in support of the Department of Health's Department Operations Center, to maintain situational awareness and coordinate the response to any potential COVID-19 impacts across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, as of March 6, 2020, there are 233 confirmed and/or presumed positive cases of COVID-19 in the United States, including 2 presumed positive cases in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, while it is anticipated that a high percentage of those affected by COVID-19 will experience mild influenza-like symptoms, COVID-19 is a disease capable of causing severe symptoms or loss of life, particularly to older populations and those individuals with pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed cases in the Commonwealth and to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, with 2 presumed positive cases in the Commonwealth as of March 6, 2020, the possible increased threat from COVID-19 constitutes a threat of imminent disaster to the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has already caused schools to close, and will likely prompt additional local measures, including affected county and municipal governments to declare local disaster emergencies because of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency situation throughout the Commonwealth is of such magnitude and severity as to render essential the Commonwealth's supplementation of emergency resources and mutual aid to the county and municipal governments of this Commonwealth and to require the activation of all applicable state, county, and municipal emergency response plans.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., I do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth.

FURTHER, I hereby authorize the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Director or his designee, to assume command and control of all statewide emergency operations and authorize and direct that all Commonwealth departments and agencies utilize all available resources and personnel as is deemed necessary to cope with this emergency situation.

FURTHER, I hereby transfer up to \$5,000,000 in unused appropriated funds to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for Emergency Management Assistance Compact expenses related to this emergency, to be decreased as conditions require, pursuant to the provisions of section 7604(a) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7604(a). In addition, I hereby transfer up to \$20,000,000 in unused appropriated funds, to be decreased as conditions require, to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency pursuant to section 1508 of the Act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No. 176) (the Fiscal Code), 72 P.S. § 1508. The aforementioned funds shall be used for expenses authorized and incurred related to this emergency. These funds shall be credited to a special account established by the Office of the Budget. I hereby direct that any funds transferred herein that remain unused after all costs related to this emergency have been satisfied shall be returned to the General Fund.

FURTHER, All Commonwealth agencies purchasing supplies or services in response to this emergency are authorized to utilize emergency procurement procedures set forth in Section 516 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, 62 Pa. C.S. § 516. This Proclamation shall serve as the written determination of the basis for the emergency under Section 516.

FURTHER, I hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of Commonwealth business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any Commonwealth agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency. Commonwealth agencies may implement emergency assignments without regard to procedures required by other laws, except mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and expenditures of public funds.

FURTHER, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth pursuant to 51 Pa. C.S. § 508, I hereby authorize the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania to place on state active duty for the duration of the emergency disaster proclamation, such individuals and units of the Pennsylvania National Guard, for missions designated by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, as are needed to address the consequences of the aforementioned emergency.

FURTHER, I authorize the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police to use all available resources and personnel in whatever manner he deems necessary during this emergency to assist the actions of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in addressing the consequences of the emergency.

FURTHER, I hereby authorize the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, in her sole discretion, to suspend or waive any provision of law or regulation which the Pennsylvania Department of Health is authorized by law to administer or enforce, for such length of time as may be necessary to respond to this emergency.

FURTHER, I hereby authorize the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, in his sole discretion, to suspend or waive any provision of law or regulation which the Pennsylvania Department of Education is authorized by law to administer or enforce, for such length of time as may be necessary to respond to this emergency.

FURTHER, if investigations made on my behalf determine that the Commonwealth needs greater flexibility in the application of state and federal motor carrier regulations to accommodate truck drivers involved in emergency activities during this emergency, I hereby direct the Commonwealth Department of Transportation to waive or suspend any laws or federal or state regulations related to the drivers of commercial vehicles.

FURTHER, I hereby direct that the applicable emergency response and recovery plans of the Commonwealth, counties, municipalities and other entities be activated as necessary and that actions taken to implement those plans be coordinated through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

STILL FURTHER, I hereby urge the governing bodies and executive officers of all political subdivisions affected by this emergency to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies as legally authorized under this Proclamation, namely, by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, and by entering into such contracts and agreements as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirement excepted.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and forty fourth.

TOM WOLF Governor

## EXHIBIT 4



#### ORDER OF

### THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### FOR INDIVIDUALS TO STAY AT HOME

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") have declared a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") a "public health emergency of international concern," and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of March 6, 2020, I proclaimed the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth pursuant to 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(c); and

WHEREAS, I am charged with the responsibility to address dangers facing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that result from disasters. 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(a); and

WHEREAS, in addition to general powers, during a disaster emergency I am authorized specifically to control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area and the movement of persons within it and the occupancy of premises therein. 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(f); and

WHEREAS, in executing the extraordinary powers outlined above, I am further authorized during a disaster emergency to issue, amend and rescind executive orders, proclamations and regulations and those directives shall have the force and effect of law. 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(b); and

WHEREAS, in addition to my authority, my Secretary of Health has the authority to determine and employ the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease. 71 P.S. § 532(a), 71 P.S. 1403(a); and

WHEREAS, these means include isolation, quarantine, and any other control measure needed. 35 P.S. § 521.5.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me and my Administration by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I do hereby ORDER and PROCLAIM as follows:

#### Section 1: Order to Stay at Home

All individuals residing in Allegheny County, Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware County, Monroe County, Montgomery County, and Philadelphia County are ordered to stay at home except as needed to access, support, or provide life sustaining business, emergency, or government services. For employees of life sustaining businesses that remain open, the following child care services may remain open: group and family child care providers in a residence; child care facilities operating under a waiver granted by the Department of Human Services Office of Child Development and Early Learning; and, part-day school age programs operating under an exemption from the March 19, 2020 business closure Orders.

A list of life sustaining businesses that remain open is attached to and incorporated into this Order. In addition, businesses that are permitted to remain open include those granted exemptions prior to or following the issuance of this Order.

Individuals leaving their home or place of residence to access, support, or provide life sustaining services for themselves, another person, or a pet must employ social distancing practices as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Individuals are permitted to engage in outdoor activities; however, gatherings of individuals outside of the home are generally prohibited except as may be required to access, support or provide life sustaining services as outlined above.

Enforcement of this Order will commence at 8:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2020.

#### Section 2: Effective Date and Duration

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect for a period of two weeks, specifically until April 6, 2020.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this twenty-third day of March two thousand twenty, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred and forty-fourth.

TOM WOLF

# EXHIBIT 5



### Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health to Stay at Home

To protect the public from the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), it is necessary that all individuals residing in the counties of Allegheny, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Monroe, Montgomery, and Philadelphia to stay at home or at their place of residence except as needed to access, support or provide life sustaining business, emergency or government services. Therefore, on this day, March 23, 2020, under the authority granted to me by law, I hereby order:

All individuals residing in Allegheny County, Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware County, Monroe County, Montgomery County, and Philadelphia County to stay at home except as needed to access, support or provide life-sustaining business, emergency or government services. For employees of life-sustaining businesses that remain open, the following child care services may remain open: group and family child care providers in a residence; child care facilities operating under a waiver granted by the Department of Human Services Office of Child Development and Early Learning; and, part-day school age programs operating under an exemption from the March 19, 2020 business closure Orders. A list of life sustaining businesses that remain open is attached to and incorporated into this Order. In addition, businesses that are permitted to remain open include those granted exemptions prior to or following the issuance of this order.

Individuals leaving their home or place of residence to access, support or provide life sustaining services for themselves, another person or a pet must employ social distancing practices as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Individuals are permitted to engage in outdoor activities, however, gatherings of individuals outside of the home are generally prohibited except as may be required to access, support or provide life sustaining business, emergency or government services as outlined above.

Enforcement of this Order will commence at 8:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2020.

COVID-19 is a contagious disease that is rapidly spreading from person-to-person. People infected are capable of exposing others to COVID-19 even if their symptoms are mild, such as a cough. Additionally, exposure is possible by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching one's mouth, nose, or eyes. Spread by persons who are asymptomatic has not been ruled out.

Multiple areas of the United States are experiencing "community spread" of COVID-19, which means that the illness is being transmitted through unknown sources, not from known areas of infection. Mass gatherings increase the risk of transmission and

community spread. Case counts of COVID-19 are rapidly increasing throughout many Pennsylvania counties, and are anticipated to continue to appear throughout the Commonwealth.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk for serious illness. Early symptoms may also include chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, and runny nose.

On March 6, 2020, the Governor issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency due to the emergence of COVID-19 in the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Since the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania confirmed its first case of COVID-19, positive cases continue to rise. As of March 22, 2020, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has 479 positive cases of COVID-19 and reports two deaths from the virus.

On March 19, 2020, the Governor and Secretary of Health issued Orders directing the closure of non-life sustaining businesses. Operation of non-life sustaining businesses present the opportunity for unnecessary gatherings, personal contact and interaction that will increase the risk of transmission and the risk of community spread of COVID-19. Similarly, the directive for individuals to stay at home will facilitate the mitigation of COVID-19 by decreasing the opportunities for the transmission of the virus and decrease the risk of community spread.

COVID-19 is a threat to the public's health, for which the Secretary of Health may order general control measures, including, but not limited to, closure, isolation, and quarantine. This authority is granted to the Secretary of Health pursuant to Pennsylvania law. *See* Section 5 of the Disease Prevention and Control Law, 35 P.S. §§ 521.1; 521.5, sections 2102(a) and 2106 of the Administrative Code of 1929, 71 P.S. § 532(a) and 536 and the Department of Health's (Department) regulations found at 28 Pa. Code §§ 27.60-27.68 (relating to disease control measures; isolation; quarantine; movement of persons subject to isolation or quarantine; and release from isolation and quarantine). Particularly, the Department has the authority to take any disease control measure appropriate to protect the public from the spread of infectious disease. *See* 35 P.S. §§ 521.5; 71 P.S. § 532(a), and 1402(a); 28 Pa. Code § 28.60. The Department determines that the appropriate disease control measure based upon COVID-19, the manner of its spread in the Commonwealth and in the world, and its danger to Pennsylvanians, is for individuals residing in the Commonwealth to stay at home except to obtain life-sustaining services for themselves or others as outlined in this order to prevent and control the spread of disease.

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Accordingly, the order and directive for individuals residing in the Commonwealth to stay at home is necessary to protect the public's health. This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect for a period of two weeks, specifically until April 6, 2020.

Rachel Levine, MD Secretary of Health

# EXHIBIT 6



#### ORDER OF

#### THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### FOR INDIVIDUALS TO STAY AT HOME

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WHEREAS, as of March 6, 2020, I proclaimed the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth pursuant to 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(c); and

WHEREAS, I am charged with the responsibility to address dangers facing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that result from disasters. 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(a); and

WHEREAS, in addition to general powers, during a disaster emergency I am authorized specifically to control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area and the movement of persons within it and the occupancy of premises therein. 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(f); and

WHEREAS, in executing the extraordinary powers outlined above, I am further authorized during a disaster emergency to issue, amend, and rescind executive orders, proclamations, and regulations and those directives shall have the force and effect of law. 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(b); and

WHEREAS, in addition to my authority, my Secretary of Health has the authority to determine and employ the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease. 71 P.S. § 532(a), 71 P.S. 1403(a); and

WHEREAS, these means include isolation, quarantine, and any other control measure needed. 35 P.S. § 521.5; and

WHEREAS, I previously issued an Order limited to specified counties directing "Individuals to Stay at Home" on March 23, 2020, and amended March 24, March 25, March 27, March 28, March 30, and March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of April 1, 2020, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has 5,805 positive cases of COVID-19 in sixty counties and reports 74 deaths from the virus.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me and my Administration by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I do hereby ORDER and PROCLAIM as follows:

#### Section 1: Order to Stay at Home

All individuals residing in the Commonwealth are ordered to stay at home except as needed to access, support, or provide life-sustaining business, emergency, or government services. For employees of life-sustaining businesses that remain open, the following child care services may remain open: group and family child care providers in a residence; child care facilities operating under a waiver granted by the Department of Human Services Office of Child Development and Early Learning; and, part-day school age programs operating under an exemption from the March 19, 2020, business closure Orders.

A list of life-sustaining businesses that remain open is attached to and incorporated into this Order. In addition, businesses that are permitted to remain open include those granted exemptions prior to or following the issuance of this Order.

Individuals leaving their home or place of residence to access, support, or provide life-sustaining services for themselves, another person, or a pet must employ social distancing practices as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Individuals are permitted to engage in outdoor activities; however, gatherings of individuals outside of the home are generally prohibited except as may be required to access, support, or provide life-sustaining services as outlined above.

Enforcement of this Order will commence immediately for all counties covered under my prior Order directing "Individuals to Stay at Home" first issued March 23, 2020, as amended. Enforcement of this Order will commence at 8:00 PM Wednesday, April 1, 2020, for all other counties.

#### Section 2: Effective Date and Duration

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until April 30, 2020. This Order supersedes all previous Orders directing "Individuals to Stay at Home."



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this first day of April two thousand twenty, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred and forty-fourth.

TOM WOLF

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