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In January 2023, The Biden administration announced the plan to end the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) and the national emergency declaration on May 11, 2023. Since that announcement, the PHE ended earlier than planned on April 10, 2023, and the declaration is still set to end on May 11, 2023.

What is the difference between an emergency declaration and national emergency?

<p>In an emergency declaration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The president can declare a state of emergency in response to a crisis. • The executive branch gets “emergency powers” during the state of emergency to use to address the crisis. • Once the state of emergency ends, the “emergency powers” the executive branch once had will be lifted and policies the president put in place will end. <p>This is different than when state governors issue an emergency declaration at a state level for a crisis that impacts their state and no other state.</p>	<p>In a national emergency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The president can declare a national emergency in response to a crisis. • The president can access restricted measures, special laws, and funding to respond to the crisis. • Once the national emergency ends, so do the executive powers given to the president that were granted under the order.
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What you need to know

The end of the emergency declaration in April 2023 affected certain policies like:

- Mortgage forbearance under the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- In-home requirements to determine eligibility for caregiver assistance under the Department of Veteran Affairs

The effects of the end of the public health emergency on May 11, 2023, will have impact across the country than the end of the emergency declaration. These areas will be affected:

- They insurance coverage and cost for COVID-19 testing, vaccines and treatment will change.
 - Coverage for these things will become more like coverage for other medical conditions and issues that you usually see.
- Coverage through Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance
- Costs for vaccines if you do not have insurance.

*COVID-19 is **not** over.*

Cases have dropped in a big way, but the end of the emergency declarations does not mean the virus has been removed from the United States. Still, the virus causes about 250 deaths every day, making the virus the leading cause of death in the United States.

Continue to stop the spread.

COVID-19 is not the only virus or highly transmissible disease in the United States and in Ohio. Continue to:

- Wash your hands.
- Cover your coughs.
- Clean high-touch surfaces.
- Stay at home when you're sick.
- Wear a mask if you believe you need to protect yourself or others.
- Stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccine series.

The Biden administration has been communicating with agencies and departments about COVID-19-related measures they started during the national emergency. These agencies and departments will have to wind down COVID-19-related measures by the time the declaration is set to end.

Ohio's state of emergency declaration ended in June 2021.

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