

## It's Over But It Isn't

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### Is the pandemic over?

On March 29, House Joint Resolution 7 passed with a 68–23 margin in the Senate: 47 Republicans and 21 Democrats voting Yea. Earlier this week, Joe Biden signed it into law.

But, as *The Epoch Times* [explains](#), that resolution “states that the pandemic national emergency ‘is hereby terminated,’” but “does not impact the public health emergency, which is still scheduled to terminate on May 11.”

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But that lag — why terminate one (“national”) emergency footing and leave the other (“public health”) to linger for another month?

It's worse than that, though. Back in September, President Biden [told](#) *60 Minutes* that the pandemic was over, noting then that “no one's wearing masks; everybody seems to be in pretty good shape.”

The administration offers bureaucratic rationales



for the lagtime. But its impact on you and me is said to be zero: “To be clear, [the] continuation of these emergency declarations until May 11 does not impose any restriction at all on individual conduct with regard to COVID-19,” explains a January letter from the Biden administration to Congress.

Repeat that: the continuation of the emergency declarations *does not impose any restriction at all on individual conduct*. Which should have been true from the beginning, for the Constitution does not provide any powers to the general government over individuals on these matters.

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At least, there is a May 11th at the end of the tunnel.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.