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Louisiana Department of Health

EMERGENCY ORDER
CONTINUATION OF LDH NOTICES AND ORDERS DUE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: ADH/ADHC PACE;
All Dental Providers;
All Licensed Health Care Facilities;
All Commercial Body Art and Tanning Facilities; and
Healthcare Professionals licensed, certified, authorized, or permitted by any board, authority, or commission under LDH

FROM: LDH Office of Public Health
Jimmy Guidry, M.D. *Jimmy Guidry, M.D.*
State Health Officer

RE: Emergency Order

DATE: April 7, 2020

EFFECTIVE DATES: This Emergency Order shall continue all below previously issued LDH Notices and Orders and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, but may be further extended by subsequent order of the State Health Officer.

RATIONALE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY:

On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern" (PHEIC). On January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency (PHE) for the United States, effective January 27, 2020. Pursuant to the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, R.S. 29:760, *et seq.*, a state of public health emergency resulting from the outbreak of "coronavirus disease 2019" ("COVID-19") was declared to exist in the entire State of Louisiana by Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020.

In the days since the referenced declaration of a state of the public health emergency in the state, the COVID-19 outbreak in Louisiana is continuing to expand significantly. The number of reported cases and deaths is expected to rise in the state in the coming weeks. Additional measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of the public. The measures ordered herein are in line with the best guidance and direction from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The measures ordered herein are necessary because of the ability of the COVID-19 virus to spread via personal interactions and because of physical contamination of property due to its propensity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

The State Health Officer expressly finds that the measures ordered herein are necessary to help control and prevent further spread of COVID-19, a communicable, contagious, and infectious disease that represent a serious and imminent threat to the public health.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by L.R.S. 40:1 *et seq*., particularly La. R.S. 40:4(A)(13) and La. R.S. 40:5(A)(2), I, Jimmy Guidry, M.D., State Health Officer, do hereby issue the following emergency order:

The following previously issued Notices and Orders are hereby extended until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020:

1. **#2020-COVID-ADC/ADHC/PACE-001- issued on March 13, 2020- this notice is further expanded to include closure of all ADC/ADHC/PACE state-wide. PACE centers may continue to operate as clinics following all applicable federal and state mandates relative to the COVID 10 public health emergency.**
2. **#2020-COVID19-ALL-002- issued March 13, 2020**
3. **#2020-COVID19-NURSING FACILITIES-005- issued March 16, 2020**
4. **#2020-COVID19-DENTAL PROVIDER-004- issued March 17, 2020**
5. **Emergency Order of Temporary Closure of Commercial Body Art and Tanning Facilities – issued on March 21, 2020**
6. **#2020-COVID-ALL-007 – issued March 21, 2020**

End of Order.