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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: ADC/ADHC/ PACE;
All Licensed Health Care Facilities; and
All Commercial Body Art and Tanning Facilities.

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

RE: Emergency Order
Clarification Update

DATE: April 29, 2020

The Department provides the following clarification update, with the updates noted in red below, to the Emergency Order/Notice that was issued April 28, 2020, regarding the extension of certain dates.

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 May 15, 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. 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 May 15, 2020:

1. **#2020-COVID-ADC/ADHC/PACE-001 issued on March 13, 2020 and re-issued April 6, 2020**
2. **#2020-COVID19-ALL-002 issued March 13, 2020 and re-issued April 6, 2020**
   (Clarification Update: For the visitors allowed pursuant to this memo, a cloth mask or facial covering is sufficient, rather than a surgical mask.)
3. **#2020-COVID19-NURSING FACILITIES-005- issued March 16, 2020 and re-issued April 6, 2020**
4. **Emergency Order of Temporary Closure of Commercial Body Art and Tanning Facilities – issued on March 21, 2020 and re-issued April 6, 2020**

End of Order.