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Louisiana Department of Health

EMERGENCY ORDER
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COMMERCIAL BODY ART AND TANNING FACILITIES DUE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: All Commercial Body Art Facilities and All Tanning Facilities

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

RE: Emergency Order
Closure of Commercial Body Art Facilities and Tanning Facilities

DATE: March 21, 2020

EFFECTIVE DATES: This Emergency Order shall be effective as of 11:59 p.m. on March 21, 2020 and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 20, 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 has expanded significantly. The number of reported cases and deaths is expected to rise significantly 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 Department of Health permits and regulates Commercial Body Art facilities pursuant to La. R.S. 40:2831 et seq. and Sanitary Code (LAC Title 51) Part XXVIII. The Department of Health permits and regulates Tanning facilities pursuant to La. R.S. 40: 2701 et seq. and LAC Title 49, Chapter 13.

The State Health Officer has determined that the services provided by the facilities under this order are not essential services, such that their closure will not affect the public health or any individual's health. 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:

All facilities, businesses, or operations that meet the definition of a "Commercial body art facility" as defined in La. R.S. 40:2831, whether holding a permit from the Department of Health or not, and all facilities, businesses, or operations that meet the definition of a "Tanning facility" as defined in La. R.S. 40:2703, whether holding a permit from the Department of Health or not, shall close and cease operation no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 21, 2020, and shall remain closed until 11:59 p.m. on April 20, 2020; however, this closure order may be further extended by subsequent order of the State Health Officer.

End of Order.