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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
All Commercial Body Art and Tanning Facilities

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

RE: Emergency Order

DATE: May 15, 2020

EFFECTIVE DATES: This Emergency Order shall continue all below previously issued LDH Notices and Orders and shall remain in effect from 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2020, until further notice from 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 from 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2020, until further notice from the State Health Officer:

1. **#2020-COVID-ADC/ADHC/PACE-001 issued on March 13, 2020, re-issued April 7, 2020, and re-issued on April 28, 2020.**
2. **#2020-COVID19-ALL-002 issued March 13, 2020, re-issued April 7, 2020, and re-issued on April 28, 2020.**

   Please note: 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, re-issued April 7, 2020, and re-issued April 28, 2020.**
4. **Emergency Order of Temporary Closure of Commercial Body Art and Tanning Facilities – issued on March 21, 2020, re-issued April 6, 2020, and re-issued April 28, 2020.**

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