



## Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Guidance Related to Governor Reynold's Proclamations & COVID-19

Governor Kim Reynolds has extended the Proclamation of Emergency Disaster through March 7, 2021. In this Proclamation, Governor Reynolds temporarily suspended a number of regulatory provisions applicable to various professions. The full text of the Proclamation is available on the Governor's website. The Board issues the following guidance regarding the Proclamation:

### **License Renewal**

The Board office is still processing renewals at this time. License holders with expiration dates in 2020 (this does not include Establishment - Salon or School - Licenses) are not required to renew for the duration of the Proclamation and will have 60 days from the termination of the Proclamation to complete license renewal. Licensees who wish to renew as scheduled are encouraged to renew using the online system.

Those with license expiration dates in 2021 who will expire after the Proclamation is lifted will need to comply with current rules governing expiration/grace period/late fee/reactivation. Therefore, you must renew as planned unless the governor extends the current Proclamation.

### **Continuing Education**

License holders with expiration dates in 2020 have until June 30, 2021 to complete the continuing education required for license renewal. Licensees may renew prior to completing the required continuing education. In order to complete the renewal application, licensees will need to attest to completion of the required continuing education. Licensees should attest to the completion of the required hours if they have completed, or plan to complete, the required continuing education by June 30, 2021.

Those with license expiration dates in 2021 that will expire after the Proclamation is lifted will need to comply with current rules governing expiration/grace period/late fee/reactivation. Therefore, you must complete continuing education prior to your renewal unless the governor extends the current Proclamation.

Licensees are reminded that all of the required continuing education may be obtained online.

### **Salons**

Cosmetology arts & sciences establishments are allowed to operate without limitations as of February 7, 2021 under the Governor's Proclamation. Please refer to local, city or county regulations that exist in your area and find more information from the [Iowa Department of Public Health](#) and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) to protect yourself and others from exposure.

The Board still recommends salons implement reasonable measures under the circumstances of each establishment to ensure social distancing of customers and employees, use of masks when

social distancing is not possible, increased hygiene practices and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with the guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

The Department's guidance for businesses during this public health emergency, and other guidance for reducing the spread of COVID-19, may be found [here](#).

We strongly encourage all licensees to periodically revisit the Board's website and the Department's website to ensure they are aware of the most up-to-date guidance and information.

Protecting the health and safety of yourself and your clients is of paramount importance. Below is an additional list of resources to assist cosmetology arts and sciences licensees with addressing the COVID-19 crisis. Please note that in the event any of the resources below conflict with any state orders, laws, or regulations, the state orders, laws, or regulations must be followed.

[CDC Practice Preparedness Resource](#)

[CDC Information for Healthcare Providers](#)