

March 19, 2020

Dear licensees and concerned consumers,

The Board has received many inquiries from consumers and licensees concerning the coronavirus (COVID-19).

All consumers, businesses and service providers in Kansas should review the recommendations provided to determine what actions should be taken to protect themselves and the consuming public.

Please carefully review the recommendations provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to aid you in making an informed decision on the actions you should take. Links provide below.

KDHE Resource Center

http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/COVID-19_Resource_Center.htm

Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/toolkit/Interim_Guidance_for_Businesses_and_Employers_to_Plan_and_Respond_to_COVID-19.pdf

CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fguidance-business-response.html

Check daily with your county's health department to confirm channels of communication and methods for dissemination of local outbreak information.


A Directory of local health departments can be accessed here:

http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/download/health_directory.pdf

The Board cannot provide legal advice. Salon owners should seek the legal advice of their own attorneys regarding risk management and decision-making.

The Board is not authorized to close businesses in Kansas due to COVID-19. The decision to close businesses and suspend certain services may be ordered through other entities such as the local health departments, i.e., the governor, the legislature, Congress, or the president so it is incumbent on the salon owner to keep informed of the daily developments.

Sincerely,



David Yocum, Chair

Kansas Board of Cosmetology