

**March 18, 2020 Update, 8:15 pm CST
COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)**

The Minnesota Board of Cosmetology is actively monitoring the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) outbreak.

Governor Walz Signs [Executive Order 20-08](#) Clarifying Businesses Subject to Closure During COVID-19 Pandemic

The full clarification is available below:

1. Paragraph 1.e. of [Executive Order 20-04](#) is amended by the following additions (indicated by underlined text) and deletions (indicated by strikethroughs):

Gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, ~~and spas~~ tanning establishments, body art establishments, tattoo parlors, piercing parlors, businesses offering massage therapy or similar body work, spas, salons, nail salons, cosmetology salons, esthetician salons, advanced practice esthetician salons, eyelash salons, and barber shops. This includes, but is not limited to, all salons and shops licensed by the Minnesota Board of Cosmetologist Examiners and the Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners.

2. All other provisions of [Executive Order 20-04](#) remain in effect.

General Resources

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are maintaining up-to-date, reliable information for the public:

- MDH: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>
- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

- Unemployment Benefits

Information regarding unemployment benefits can be found here: [DEED - Unemployment Benefits](#)

The Board has been actively communicating concerns to the Governor's office related to unemployment eligibility for licensees.

- Barbicide

Information regarding infection control and other updates: [Barbicide Covid-19 Updates](#)

Additional Information for Cosmetology Schools:

Please do what you can to prioritize the health and safety of students and clients. We are in conversation with the Governor's Office and other relevant parties about solutions to the challenges that the COVID-19 situation presents.

We understand that schools are working on alternative learning plans that may be in conflict with statute and/or rule. If this is the case, we are asking that schools do the following:

1. Schools should notify the Board by Friday, March 20, 2020 if they will be using an alternate plan and what statutes or rules may be in conflict. Please notify the Board at cosmoschools@state.mn.us.
2. A detailed alternate learning plan needs to be submitted to the Board by March 30, 2020.
3. The alternative learning plan should include:
 - a. What date the alternate learning plans start and a projected date of when the school will return to a normal schedule.
 - b. The topics that will be taught and the format that will be used including how many hours will be earned.
 - c. The names of the students that will be affected by the alternate plan.
4. If waivers of rule are necessary for your school, we will be working to address those at our routinely scheduled Board meeting on April 27, 2020. However, that meeting may be postponed as the current COVID-19 situation is fluid.
5. If your alternative learning plan is in conflict with state statute, please be assured we are in conversation with the Governor's Office and other relevant parties regarding solutions to the challenges that the COVID-19 situation presents.

School Resources

- PSI Testing

As of this update computer-based testing is still open. We will update if this changes.

For information, contact PSI here: [PSI COVID-19 Support](#)

The site is updated on a daily basis at 10:30amCST.

- Information from Pivot Point:

Please know that Pivot Point is reaching out to support your schools via our online learning management platform, LAB. We want to ensure any school in your state that does not have access to a digital learning platform, has the necessary support, both for their education leaders and their learners. The schools will be able to run reports to include session start and end time and what media was accessed during that time.

Information regarding access to online learning can be found here: [Pivot Point COVID-19 Support](#)

- Information from Milady:

If your school is closed due to local/state/federal guidance, Milady is offering complimentary access to MindTap, our digital learning platform, for students currently enrolled in ANY U.S.-based beauty/wellness program. The Milady Team is currently working to offer essential on-demand training to help you get up and running so that there's limited interruption to your operations.

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Information regarding access to online learning for any student can be found here: [Milady COVID-19 Support](#)

- Office of Higher Education

For schools licensed by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, the OHE website has established a [COVID-19 Updates](#) page with guidance for schools and online instruction.

- U.S. Department of Education

For schools with Title IV funding, the U.S. Office of Post-Secondary Education (within the U.S. Department of Education) released a memo on March 5, 2020: [Guidance for interruptions of study related to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).