

**\*\*\*5/27/20\*\*\***

**Board Updates guidance on distance learning:**

**Schools can continue to provide distance learning instruction for theory until July 20, 2020.**

**Schools can continue to provide distance learning instruction for practical/clinical for those students enrolled as of March 27, 2020, until July 20, 2020, for up to 25% of the required program hours.**

**Schools can provide distance learning instruction for practical/clinical for those students enrolled after March 27, 2020 until July 20, 2020, limited to instruction in the basic services in each discipline of cosmetology, esthetics and nail technology.**

**\*\*\*5/21/20\*\*\* The previously provided Board guidance on distance learning for theory and practical/clinical instruction is updated to delete the ten week time frame limitation, and to allow schools to continue to provide distance learning instruction of theory and practical, in accord with the other previously stated provisions, during the period of the declared public health emergency.**

**\*\*\*4/9/20\*\*\*** The SC Board of Cosmetology has updated its guidance regarding distance learning, which previously allowed distance learning for theory or non-clinical instruction, for up to 25% of the required program hours. The updated guidance provides that during the current health emergency, schools may also utilize distance learning platforms for practical or clinical instruction, for those students currently enrolled in cosmetology programs as of March 27, 2020, for up to an additional 25% of the required program hours, over a ten-week timeframe. The distance learning platform used for practical or clinical instruction must allow for the student to view the instructor, and the instructor to view the student while the student is practicing the technique being demonstrated. Schools are required to monitor student attendance and hours.

Schools are strongly urged to work with their students to ensure the safety of the students, faculty and staff, and the public, and to allow students to make up any work missed due to the public health emergency without penalty, or to grant requested leaves of absence to students during this time.

**\*\*\*3/19/20\*\*\*** The Board continues to monitor the issues surrounding the public health emergency, and is updating its previous guidance regarding schools. In addition to the previous guidance for distance learning for students who were already enrolled, the Board will allow schools to enroll new students and provide instruction to them through distance learning during the period of the public health emergency, for up to 25% of the required program hours pertaining to theory or non-clinical instruction, over a period of ten weeks. At this time, newly enrolled students may not be provided instruction through distance learning for practical or clinical program hours.

The Board will continue to assess the situation and consider additional options to address the circumstances, and provide additional guidance as conditions progress.