

Kansas State Board of Nursing

Weekly Update

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The mission of the Board of Nursing is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians



To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Board of Nursing and the Landon building are closed to the walk-in public at least through May 3. Like most state agencies and businesses, the majority of KSBN staff are teleworking to perform the functions of the agency. **Due to our high utilization of technology and dedicated staff, functions of the agency continue.** Some functions are interdependent with other entities, such as fingerprinting and NCLEX exams, and may not be business as usual. KSBN continues to work collaboratively to seek solutions, streamline functions and identify any regulatory changes that can be made that will allow KSBN to work to support Kansas nurses. Given that many of our KSBN staff members are teleworking, the best way to contact them is via their email. You may find our direct agency contacts information listed under [Staff Directory](#) on our website. Please continue to follow our website and social media [[Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)] and our [COVID-19 Information Center](#) for agency updates and frequently asked questions. For quicker responses, we strongly encourage you to do business with KSBN via our online services located on our [website](#), mail or fax. **KSBN staff are working diligently to continue to carry out the functions of the agency.** Thank you for your patience during this difficult and uncertain time.

- ⇒ **Fingerprints:** There is a [list of the sites with contact information on our website](#). Please assure you are bringing the information required at that site.
- ⇒ **NCLEX testing sites:** All available testing sites will be social distancing until further notice, so they will be at 50% capacity. Testing sites will remain open unless government mandated to shut down. NCLEX candidates get priority for seating. NCSBN and Pearson Vue are working on solutions for possible backlog during May through August. [The sites in Kansas that are presently open include: Overland Park, Topeka, Wichita and Hays.](#)
- ⇒ **Executive Order No. 20-26:** [Governor Kelly signed EO 20-26 on 4-22-2020](#) which provides temporary relief from certain restriction and requirements governing the provision of medical services during the COVID –19 pandemic which include:
 - ◆ Permits APRNs to provide care without a written collaborative agreement and protocols and including nurse anesthetists to provide medical services appropriate to the professional’s education, training, and experience, without physician supervision or direction
 - ◆ Permits nurses who are licensed and in good standing in any state in the U.S. to practice in Kansas. A license that has been suspended or revoked is not considered a license in good standing and a license with pending disciplinary action is not considered a license in good standing.
 - ◆ Permits nurses with an expired license less than five years to apply for an Emergency Temporary COVID-19 License with no continuing education and fee requirements. This license expires when the Executive Order expires.
 - ◆ The Executive Order and more information is available on our website.
 - ◆ **Licensure verification:** We are unable to change the expiration dates of the affected licenses until we know the termination date of the State of Disaster Emergency. We are adding an explanation in Nursys and on the KSBN Licensure Database that indicates the licenses are active even though the expiration date has occurred.
 - ◆ Continue to check our [website](#) frequently for updates!!

Thank you for your support during this unprecedented time. Stay safe and healthy!

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