

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 June 1. 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:** Due to social distancing requirements, **KSBN will NO longer perform fingerprinting services in the agency** when open to public traffic again. There is a [list of the sites with contact information on our website](#). Please assure you are bringing the information required at that site.

⇒ **Walk-in traffic to the agency:** We must meet social distancing requirements when the public walk-in to our agency. Appointments will be required to enter the agency. Only one person per appointment and no children or other adults are permitted.

⇒ **Free series of COVID-19 courses for Health Care Professionals:** NCSBN's International Center for Regulatory Scholarship (ICRS) is offering an invaluable series of [free online COVID-19 courses](#). Three of the four courses offer continuing education credit upon completion and are offered in a self-paced format. Nurses are invited to self-enroll through the catalog at: <https://catalog.icrsncsbn.org>. The courses include: "COVID-19: Epidemiology, Modes of Transmission and Protecting Yourself with PPE," "COVID-19: Nursing Care," "COVID-19: Basic Law and Ethics for Nurses during COVID-19" and "COVID-19: Credible Information, Hoaxes and the Media."

⇒ **June 2020 KSBN Committee and Board Meetings:** Due to the need for social distancing and to continue to decrease the spread of COVID-19, the June 2020 KSBN Committee and Board Meetings will not be held face-to-face in a physical locations, however will occur via virtual methods. Watch our website for updates as they are available.

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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