

# 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*



The Board of Nursing lobby is open to **limited** public traffic. We must observe social distancing requirements and continue to decrease the spread of COVID-19. Due to these requirements, we must limit the number in our lobby to no more than 2 at a time. **It is highly recommended that you conduct your business with the Board of Nursing via online services, mail, phone call or email. There is a secure drop box located outside of the agency that is available for anyone to drop off documents for the Board of Nursing.** If you need to talk with someone, it is highly recommended you make an appointment so we can serve you when you arrive. Only one person per appointment and no children or other adults are permitted. Telephone appointments are also available. To make an appointment, please call 785-296-2967. The majority of our staff continue to telework to decrease possible exposure. 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](#). **KSBN staff are working diligently to continue to carry out the functions of the agency.** Thank you for your patience during this very busy time. It is the time we are receiving many applications and information from new graduates and are working to get them licensed as soon as possible.

- ⇒ **Fingerprints:** Due to social distancing requirements, **KSBN will NO longer perform fingerprinting services in the agency.** There is a [list of the sites with contact information on our website](#). Please assure you are bringing the information required at that site.
- ⇒ **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.icrnsn.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. The agendas on our website contain information about how to join the virtual meetings. The committee and board packets are also available on our website.
- ⇒ **Can a nursing graduate work in a graduate status until licensed?** No, Kansas does not allow graduates of nursing programs to work in a graduate status as a nurse until they are licensed. That would be practicing without a license in Kansas.
- ⇒ **House Bill 2016:** This was passed by the Legislature in the Special Session and signed by Governor Kelly. Our Board will be reviewing the bill next week and an overview of the bill will be included in the next edition of this weekly update. .

Continue to check our [website](#) frequently for updates!!

**Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time. Stay safe and healthy!**

*Carol Moreland, MSN, RN, Executive Administrator*