TO: ADC/ADHC/ PACE
All Licensed Health Care Facilities
All Commercial Body Art and Tanning Facilities

FROM: LDH Office of Public Health
Jimmy Guidry, M.D.
State Health Officer

RE: Emergency Order

DATE: May 15, 2020

EFFECTIVE DATES: This Emergency Order shall continue all below previously issued LDH Notices and Orders and shall remain in effect from 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2020, until further notice from the State Health Officer.

RATIONALE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY:


In the days since the referenced declaration of a state of the public health emergency in the state, the COVID-19 outbreak in Louisiana is continuing to expand. Additional measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of the public. The measures ordered herein are in line with the best guidance and direction from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The measures ordered herein are necessary because of
the ability of the COVID-19 virus to spread via personal interactions and because of physical contamination of property due to its propensity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

The State Health Officer expressly finds that the measures ordered herein are necessary to help control and prevent further spread of COVID-19, a communicable, contagious, and infectious disease that represent a serious and imminent threat to the public health.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by L.R.S. 40:1 et seq., particularly La. R.S. 40:4(A)(13) and La. R.S. 40:5(A)(2), I, Jimmy Guidry, M.D., State Health Officer, do hereby issue the following emergency order:

The following previously issued Notices and Orders are hereby extended from 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2020, until further notice from the State Health Officer:

   Please note: For the visitors allowed pursuant to this memo, a cloth mask or facial covering is sufficient, rather than a surgical mask.

Dr. Courtney N. Phillips
Dr. Jimmy Guidry, M.D.

Secretary
State Health Officer