

## LARA/BPL Communication for Limited Licensees with Canceled Exams Due to COVID-19

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On March 10, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19. Since then, the Governor has issued several executive orders to mitigate the spread of the virus. Given the state of emergency, LARA, led by Director Orlene Hawks, is providing this communication to help ease the added stress that our health professionals are experiencing and to ensure that our professionals with expiring limited licenses are able continue working in a safe and productive manner.

### **Guidance for Temporary Limited Licensees or Limited Licensees with Nearing Expiration Dates:**

In light of ongoing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19, many in-person exam providers have canceled previously scheduled licensure exams. This suspension prevents individuals who hold a temporary limited licenses or limited licenses from gaining limited or full licensure. LARA recognizes that several of these licenses will soon expire and are not eligible for renewal. Accordingly, the following guidance, in accordance with Executive Order 2020-30 is offered to impacted licensees:

- For individuals with a temporary limited license or limited license that expires and whose exams were canceled due to COVID-19, LARA will allow these licenses to remain valid for an additional 6-month term in order for applicants to sit for their exams and complete remaining requirements for limited or full licensure.