

May 15, 2020

RE: Bulletin 2020-05 COVID-19

A Message to Licensees and Consumers:

On May 14, 2020, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, issued executive order EO-20-31 implementing Phase 1.5 of the Ad Astra Plan. (<https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/EO-20-31-Implementing-Phase-1.5-of-Ad-Astra-Plan-Executed.pdf>)

The order provides it will become effective at 12:00 a.m. on May 18, 2020 and will remain in force until rescinded or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on April 30, 2020, relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier.

The order states that businesses under the jurisdiction of the Board of Cosmetology may open May 18, 2020 under Phase 1.5 by appointment only and if in compliance with the business restrictions provided in the order.

Please be advised that local governments retain authority to issue and enforce equally or more restrictive orders or provisions and retain any authority to issue or enforce isolation or quarantine orders or other orders restricting movement as necessary to respond to escalating or worsening conditions in any local jurisdiction. This is a rapidly changing situation and it is incumbent on the salon owner to keep informed of the daily developments. Licensees should check with their local health department to ensure more strict orders are not in place that would prevent opening.

**Business Restrictions:**

1. Pre-scheduled Appointment only
2. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between customers or groups of customers;
3. Follow fundamental cleaning and public health practices detailed on [covid.ks.gov](http://covid.ks.gov); and
4. Avoid any instances in which groups of more than 10 individuals are in one location and unable to maintain a 6-foot distance with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.

This does not limit the total occupancy of a business but requires that businesses limit mass gatherings in areas and instances in which physical distancing cannot be maintained, such as at tables or in entrances, lobbies, break rooms, or check-out areas.

As always, you are required to adhere to the infection control regulations already in place for your profession that you operate under everyday. All KBOC laws and regulations can be accessed on the KBOC website: <http://www.kansas.gov/kboc/StatsandRegs.htm>

### **Schools:**

The order advises that higher education facilities that are closed before May 18th should remain closed for in-person learning or events involving groups of more than 10 individuals present at a time. We understand that this leads to confusion as to whether cosmetology schools can open their clinic floors for instruction and business if they are able to adhere to the required restrictions. School administrators should seek guidance from their local health department on whether they are permitted to open and obtain any other additional requirements or guidelines the county may have.

### **Resources**

Ad Astra Plan to Reopen Kansas

<https://covid.ks.gov/ad-astra-a-plan-to-reopen-kansas/>

Industry specific guidance is provided here under personal care services: <https://covid.ks.gov/reopen-page/>

KDHE Guidance

[KDHE COVID-19 Guidance for Barbering, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, Electrology, Tanning, Tattoo, and Body Piercing Establishments and Schools as well as Other Similar but Unregulated Professions \(i.e. Massage and Natural Hair Braiding\)](#)

Establishment Self-Inspection Checklists

[Self-Inspection Checklist-Body Art Professions](#)

[Self-Inspection Checklist-Cosmetology Professions](#)

[Self-Inspection Checklist- Tanning Facilities](#)

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Sincerely,



David Yocum, Chairperson  
Kansas Board of Cosmetology