Good afternoon, Educators,

On March 10, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina based on the public health emergency posed by COVID-19. Since that initial declaration, the Governor has posted additional guidance including the recommendation to cancel or postpone gatherings over 100 people and practice "social distancing" to reduce close contact between people and limit community transmission of the virus.

The Commission remains committed to the protection of its licensees and prelicensing students and, therefore, strongly recommends that all licensed and approved schools and approved continuing education sponsors immediately suspend all in-person instruction through April 30, 2020.

The Commission will discuss the impact of the virus on its programs and services at its Wednesday, March 18 meeting, including possible emergency rulemaking to facilitate synchronous learning or other delivery methods for the remainder of the 2019-2020 license period and extensions of time for completion of mandatory education if necessary.

We will keep you updated as decisions are made. Our best to all of you.

Best,

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