



California State Board of Optometry - Update on Impacts Related to the Coronavirus

The Optometry Board is aware that Governor Gavin Newsom recently issued a State of Emergency regarding COVID-19 Coronavirus. The Board and the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) are committed to protecting consumers, applicants, and licensees regarding the spread of the Coronavirus. Board staff is working closely with DCA and monitoring updates from the Governor's Office and the California Department of Public Health to determine the best course of action for applicants or licensees affected by cancellations related to the Coronavirus.

If you were alerted to the cancellation of your California Laws and Regulations Exam (CLRE) or your continuing education courses, please retain the registration confirmation and the notice of cancellation that you received. The Board may ask you to produce these documents at a later date. The Board is awaiting further guidance from the Governor's office and DCA regarding continuing education extensions, online waivers, and any other changes to the laws and regulations as a result of the Coronavirus. The Board's website will be updated as new information becomes available.

For up to date information and news on the coronavirus, please visit:

Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

California Department of Public Health's website:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>