

memo

DATE: July 31, 2020
TO: MDH-Regulated Providers and Facilities
FROM: Health Regulation Division
SUBJECT: Licensing and registration operations restart & expired licenses and registrations, in good standing, remain active

Key points:

- The Health Regulation Division is restarting licensing activities at reduced capacity
- A license or registration that expired on or after April 8, 2020, while in good standing, is considered in effect until notified otherwise

Background and guidance:

On April 8, 2020 Governor Walz signed [Emergency Executive Order 20-32](https://www.leg.state.mn.us/archive/execorders/20-32.pdf) (<https://www.leg.state.mn.us/archive/execorders/20-32.pdf>), “Ensuring that Healthcare Providers Can Respond Quickly and Safely During the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency.”

After the release of Emergency Executive Order 20-32, on April 21, 2020, HRD issued a [memo](https://www.health.state.mn.us/about/org/hrd/docs/licensingupdate.pdf) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/about/org/hrd/docs/licensingupdate.pdf>) providing direction on licensing activities. That was followed by several program specific memos that waived and modified regulatory requirements under the authority of Emergency Executive Order 20-32, all memos are posted on the [HRD website](https://www.health.state.mn.us/about/org/hrd/index.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/about/org/hrd/index.html>). These modifications addressed the need for both providers and HRD staff to focus on essential COVID-19 response activities.

In April HRD provided direction to not submit any new or renewal applications that were due during April, May or June 2020. This was done to ensure that focus remained on COVID-19 response efforts and relieve pressure on administrative processes.

As the pandemic and MDH’s response to it has evolved, HRD’s programs are ready to slowly resume some licensing activities, albeit at a reduced capacity.

Each HRD program will be restarting licensing on unique schedules due to varying resource availability. Due to this, please closely monitor each program’s webpage, listed below, and be checking your email for relevant messages.

- [Health Care Facilities Licensing](#)
- [Health Occupations](#)
- [Home Care and Assisted Living](#)
- [Mortuary Science](#)
- [Office of Health Facility Complaints](#)

It is important to note that a license or registration issued by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Health Regulation Division that expired on or after April 8, 2020, while in good standing, is considered in effect until the licensee or registrant has been notified otherwise by MDH. Each program will provide specific direction on license and registration renewals as they restart licensing operations.

With the pandemic ongoing and expected to continue to evolve, the Division may need to further adjust plans and activities. Any future operational changes will be communicated.

We understand that you will have questions. We will work with you to get your questions answered as soon as we have defined a clear process and path forward.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep Minnesotans safe!

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