



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PASTORAL COUNSELORS

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### **MEMORANDUM FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**TO:** All Licensees and Applicants  
**FROM:** Kentucky Board of Licensure for Pastoral Counselors  
**RE:** Executive Orders 2020-215, 2020-243, and 2020-257, and Senate Bill 150  
**DATE:** April 27, 2020

On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear declared by Executive Order 2020-215 that a State of Emergency of the public health exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 18, 2020, Governor Beshear issued Executive Order 2020-243. This Executive Order encourages all citizens of the Commonwealth to take all feasible measures to engage in appropriate social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19, in accordance with guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Kentucky Department of Public Health.

Executive Order 2020-243 orders all boards to take actions necessary to ensure appropriate social distancing and states that any state statute or regulation that conflicts with the provisions of Executive Order 2020-243 is suspended.

On March 25, 2020, Governor Beshear issued Executive Order 2020-257, which requires the closure of businesses that are not life sustaining, mandates the institution of social distancing and hygiene practices for businesses that remain open, and mandates teleworking for those business that can accommodate it.

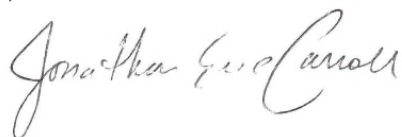
On March 26, 2020, the General Assembly enacted Senate Bill No. 150. The Governor signed this Bill on March 30, 2020. SB 150 allows boards to waive or suspend the fees or administrative obligations required to engage in business regulated by the board during the state of emergency. The Board has determined that the following Board regulations and services are affected by Executive Orders 2020-215, 2020-243, and 2020-257, and Senate Bill 150:

1. **201 KAR 38.070. Renewal of licenses and continuing education.** Any licensee who is required to renew during the state of emergency is granted a 90-day extension after the state of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-215 has ended to submit a renewal application and pay the renewal fee.
2. **Delivery of services by telehealth.** The board has no statutes or regulations governing the delivery of services by telehealth. If a licensee delivers services by telehealth, the licensee must abide by state and federal laws governing telehealth and the board's Code of Ethics. The board's Code of Ethics requires that licensees practice only in their area of competence, which would include competence in their scope of practice and with the platform they are using.

Please note that these changes are only in place during the State of Emergency announced in Executive Order 2020-215 and will expire when the State of Emergency has ceased.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Board Administrator, Plato Chukpue-Padmore, at [PC@ky.gov](mailto:PC@ky.gov)

Sincerely,



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