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Northern Ireland Social Care Council

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>As the regulator for Social Work and Social Care we have a proactive role in workforce development including learning and development. To support this we have a Learning Zone on our website and develop bespoke resources to meet the needs of our registrants. We modified an learning resource module on our Learning Zone on Infection Control and Personal Protection Equipment to include specific information on COVID-19 and emailed the link to every registrant as well as all of our employers/providers: https://niscc.info/news/321-supporting-good-infection-control-resource. We are currently modifying further e-learning resources for values based recruitment, induction and supporting redeployment to social care roles.</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>As the regulator for the social work and social care workforces we are directly involved in planning and decisions for the health and social care workforce including decisions to suspend practice placements on the Degree in Social Work and bring forward qualification for final year students to support their early entry to the workforce. We are actively working with the social care sector to support safe recruitment at a time of increased need and so have streamlined our registration process to allow faster process</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>We have closed our office and supported all of our staff to work remotely. All core business functions are being delivered though some priorities have changed to meet the current needs of our registrants. We have arranged to deliver Fitness to Practise hearings remotely, supporting input from the registrant via video link if requested.</p>



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Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://shp.ohio.gov/ https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/ https://shp.ohio.gov/Portals/0/FAQ-COVID19_1.pdf https://shp.ohio.gov/Portals/0/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE-Gov %20DeWine%2003152020.pdf https://shp.ohio.gov/Portals/0/COVID-19-Key-FAQ.pdf https://shp.ohio.gov/Portals/0/COVID-19-Prevention-Flyer.pdf https://www.facebook.com/OhioSpeechandHearingProfessionalsBoard/</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>-Staff remotely working from home for one week now and access to shared drive/files and BCI/FBI login/data base not yet accessible. -New Applicants not wanting to complete finger print cards for background check (keeping social distance); therefore, applications are taking longer to be approved pending completed background check. -Graduate students not completing program by the date they anticipated graduating due to Univ closure. -Schools k-12 will be reimbursed through the Medicaid program, Medicaid is working on coming up w/ something soon -Conditionally licensed SLP's asking if they need to amend their Supervised Professional Experience "Plan" if they can't complete their 2 monthly on-site evaluations (a requirement) due to their employer (school) is closed: 1. Our telepractice rule says the application must be encrypted technology. Therapists are being sent home without an encryption option. They're being given a Google App which isn't encrypted. Licensee questions regarding this are being forwarded to the Boards' Executive Director (E.D.) because the Board is going to provide an interpretation. (For non-clinical settings, the Board is hoping the hospitals will provide VPN's and encryption). 2. HIPAA is not applicable to a school setting.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Board staff is working remotely from home starting on 3/13/20. The 3/18 Board meeting was cancelled due to the Ohio Governor's order for no face to face contact, no public gatherings. This order was not announced until 3/12/20. The 3/18 meeting was cancelled in lieu of holding the meeting via teleconference/Skype. Some staff saw the severity of the virus coming weeks prior to the gov's 3/12 order, asked the Board manager if they could work from home, was denied and therefore, vacation leave was used to avoid being possibly exposed to the virus at the office/building. Had vacation leave been depleted prior to the gov's order to work from home, that staff member would've had to resign from their job. The Board relied only on Dept. of Health and the gov's website/order as their source to determine when to allow staff to work from home. Although board staff working remotely and although the Board is mostly "go green" mail can still be delivered to the board office; therefore, one staff member has been designated to go to the office once per week to check mail. The mail is opened, date stamped, scanned and emailed to the appropriate staff member. Staff members of other businesses in the same building/same floor are also going to their office once per week; therefore, this is not accomplishing the gov's order to stay home.</p>



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College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://www.cmtbc.ca/about-cmtbc/covid-19-information-for-registrants/</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Licensing examination has been suspended for the time being and alternate plans are being made.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Staff are being eased into work-from-home situations with hardware and communications support.</p>



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College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-medical-advice-telehealth-ontario http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_case_definition.pdf https://www.ctcmpao.on.ca/resources/COVID-19_Self-Isolation_Fact_Sheet_EN_2020-02-19.pdf http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_ihf_guidance.pdf https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/public-health-measures-mitigate-covid-19.html https://www.ctcmpao.on.ca/resources/faqs-on-ppe-access-feb12-2020.pdf https://www.ctcmpao.on.ca/resources/MOH_CoronavirusPEC_Poster_EN_2020-03-09_FINAL.pdf https://www.ctcmpao.on.ca/resources/CMOH-Directive-1-2020-03-12.pdf https://www.ctcmpao.on.ca/resources/Updated-IPAC-Measures-for-COVID-19-March-10-2020.pdf https://www.ctcmpao.on.ca/resources/Enhanced-Public-Health-Measures-for-COVID-19-2020-03-12.pdf http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_signs_EN_patients.pdf https://www.ctcmpao.on.ca/resources/CMOH_Directive_2-RHPA_professionals_2020-03-19.pdf</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>The pandemic has caused us to recognize certain processes or components of our regulatory framework cannot be migrated to a completely digital format. This is a risk given the need to adapt to a remote working model in a short amount of time. For example, registration applications are still paper-based. The pandemic has also alerted us to the overall aspect of education and guidance required by our membership. With the amount of questions and inquiries that we've received so far, we must consider what sort of information and how much information we can share with members in a crisis/disaster scenario. Their questions help us determine the content of educational material we should provide them with. COVID-19 has also greatly impacted members' practices leading to financial burdens and difficulties in paying annual renewal fees. The College as a regulator must evaluate how it can show sympathy and sensitivity in this regard while still fulfilling its mandate to regulate the profession in the public's interest.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>A Business Continuity Plan (BCP) has been drafted to address action plans in the event leading up to, during, and after an emergency or disaster. Daily teleconferences are held with the Ministry of Health to closely monitor the situation on COVID-19 updates. Staff meetings are held regularly to ensure all staff are properly educated on minimizing illness amongst each other and Council members. The College acts as an information conduit by sending regular communications to our board, members and staff so that they remain informed on all current and relevant information and resources. A webpage has been created containing information and links to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and other reliable sources of COVID-19 information. This page serves to better inform and assist members of the College and the public with where to receive the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 situation. The content of this page will be updated as new information becomes available. When critical information is added to this page, members are informed by email. Steps for overall cleanliness in the office have been taken- Frequent hand washing and sanitation of personal workspaces are encouraged. Building Management has been contacted to ensure cleanliness procedures are up to par and that shared building facilities and spaces are maintained in a clean manner. The College will not be accepting any walk-in visitors at the office until further notice. If an individual has a matter requiring an in-person meeting, an appointment must be made. All Committee, Council and staff meetings will be held virtually. Commencing March 17, 2020, the College has been operating remotely until the foreseeable future.</p>



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Alberta College and Association of Opticians

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://acao.ca/notice-covid19-message-from-the-acao/ https://acao.ca/notice-covid-19-information-for-employees-employers/ https://acao.ca/notice-acao-contingency-plan/</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>The ACAO cancelled its annual general meeting and education conference, which impacts practitioner ability to meet continuing competency credit requirements. We have extended the deadline for practitioners to complete their credits as a result. COVID-19 has also required regular information updates for practitioners in relation to patient and practitioner health and safety, disinfection, insurance and workplace planning, and miscellaneous issues such as shipping of prescription eye glasses and contact lenses. We have not received any new complaints at this time so do not know how gathering restrictions might impact the investigation or discipline process. These restrictions may also impact graduate/applicant ability to complete certain registration requirements, such as obtaining the necessary work experience under supervision and completing the national examination. Alberta Health is currently seeking support from the Minister to extend deadlines and allow flexibility under the Health Professions Act so that regulatory colleges and practitioners can still meet their registration obligations. Alberta Health has also asked the regulatory colleges to gather statistics that can assist the government with assessing workforce capacity, including whether health care practitioners are ill, working, self-monitoring, or self-isolating, and what impacts they are seeing in their practice.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Effective 16 March 2020, the ACAO implemented its business contingency plan for pandemic influenza, which included closing the physical office and moving to a remote model with all staff members working from home. The ACAO continues to provide full service (phone, email, web) during its regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm). The ACAO uses an online platform called Basecamp through which all staff and board members are connected and can chat, share information, and work on documents. The board and staff will also meet virtually as needed.</p>



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Saskatchewan College of Paramedics

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Saskatchewan Health Authority: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus#utm_campaign=q2_2015&utm_medium=short&utm_source=%2Fcoronavirus</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Received request for increased scope of practice for primary care, advanced care, and critical care paramedics re: collection of nasopharyngeal specimens. Also received a request to consider flexibility re: renewal competency requirements (annual signoffs on skills; continuing medical education; certifications).</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>The office was closed effective March 17, 2020; all staff are currently working from home. All face to face meetings have been changed to teleconferences. All travel suspended. Business continuity plan updated.</p>



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College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://www.coto.org/you-and-your-ot/information-on-covid-19</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>We have asked practitioners to suspend non-essential services to promote social distancing. We have moved our offices to fully virtual. We may have to extend annual renewal. We are providing support to our registrants who might be redeployed in the health care area.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>virtual office.</p>



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Louisiana State Board of Nursing

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/About/NewsEvents/tabid/114/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/307/LSBN-COVID-19-Coronavirus-Information.aspx</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>LSBN is closed to public. Critical staff have been identified and are working on site. All other staff have capability and have been assigned to work remotely. We have authorized use of all leave (sick, comp time and personal/annual) to be used for staff who must care for sick family or children K-12 who are home due to school closures. Civil Service, under their rules, has authorized use of special leave as well, once all leave is used. All regulatory services continue, albeit slower, under our remote work policy.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Closed to public. Cancelled Board Meeting for April and Disciplinary Hearings for April. Governor Edwards has just authorized all state agencies to hold essential meetings by teleconference and electronic means.</p>



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Opticians of Manitoba

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>http://www.opticiansofmanitoba.ca/ - on home page under News. Resources available to both members and the public.</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>We have advised members that they should at all times try and follow the regulations however, if circumstances in providing required care for their members has them straying from a rule, to document and document some more to explain why the deviation, when and to whom - explained in detail in the medical record.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>We have staff working from home. And as our norm we hold meeting electronically. We have also cancelled all business trips and our AGM to lessen folks coming into contact with one another.</p>



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Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>COVID-19 webpage with all communications to members and other relevant resources. FAQs to be added shortly. https://www.ocswssw.org/covid-19/</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Our offices are closed as of yesterday. We have communicated with members and stakeholders via eBulletin and on our website and we have created a COVID-19 webpage; while we are unable to perform some of our core functions, we are gradually restoring services. In light of the current situation and some inquiries from SWs in other provinces, we recognize that it would be helpful to have emergency/temporary registration for those who are out of province and wish to come to our province to assist. At this point, we aren't aware of a large number of SWs to whom this would apply, however.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Our physical offices are closed and we anticipate a protracted closure in line with the province-wide shutdown of non-essential services. We are gradually restoring operations remotely, however some services will remain unavailable while the offices are closed. Many committees are able to meet remotely, and we are planning for a remote Council meeting in May. Other events, including our Annual Meeting and Education Day in June, have been or are likely to be cancelled or rescheduled.</p>



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National Dental Hygiene Certification Board (Canada)

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://www.ndhcb.ca/annual-reports - See COVID-19 article</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Note - we provide only examinations on behalf of regulators. Our next exam, a computer-based exam at writing centres, is scheduled for mid-May. To date, our testing agency has not postponed them.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>There are only two office staff - I am working from home and my admin is at work to support operations. All in-person meetings are postponed. Our in-person Board meeting for May will now be held via teleconference. All exam preparation committee work has been postponed.</p>



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Oregon Board of Optometry

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Oregon Health Authority’s COVID -19 website and email updates—please use this website to track the latest Oregon guidance on how to deal with the Novel Coronavirus. The site also has a place to sign up for email updates—sign up to get regular email updates from the OHA. The site also has all of the Governor’s Executive Orders related to the virus. https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx Center for Disease Control (CDC) website—this website has information on what’s happening in the U.S. with the virus, but also has ways practitioners can take care of themselves and recommended infection control procedures. There is also a place on the left hand side of the site to sign up for CDC email updates. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/summary.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fsummary.html Oregon Governor’s Office—there is a new web page on the Governor’s site specifically addressing the Coronavirus 19. https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Pages/coronavirus2020.aspx OOPA— http://www.oregonoptometry.org/covid-19-alert/ https://www.aoa.org/coronavirus Oregon Unemployment information— https://www.oregon.gov/employ/Pages/COVID-19.aspx</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>We are not providing information on how to handle their patient care or clinic operations. We haven't needed to make licensing changes yet. Our state allows 100% online ce for licensees. We also have an online licensing system, so all renewals and payment are happening virtually.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>We are a two person staff, so we have plenty of room for social distancing. The Board will convene via conference call if something comes up that needs a meeting.</p>



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The Public Accountants Council for the Province of Ontario

Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Everyone in our office is working remotely. The office has been closed.



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Veterinary Council of New Zealand

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>For professionals: https://www.vetcouncil.org.nz/Web/News/Articles/COVID-19_for_vets.aspx For the public: https://www.vetcouncil.org.nz/Web/News/Articles/COVID-19_for_animal_owners.aspx</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>New Zealand is in lock down but veterinarians will continue to do essential work. We are helping them prepare for that. Encouraging telemedicine and other ways to use physical distancing. Encouraging veterinarians to be prepared for an outbreak.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Physical office closure, home-working, general support (EAP, special leave, etc).</p>



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Nova Scotia College of Respiratory Therapists

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Information for the public is available at: https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/ https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/covid-19-how-to-isolate-at-home.html</p> <p>We are also updating messages from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health as they become available</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>The NSCRT is actively creating contingency plans for the organization, communication plans for the public and members. There will be an increased demand for RT services as the situation develops. The NSCRT is updating policies on licensing of RTs from other provinces and retired RTs to meet the increased demand.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>All face to face meetings are to be held via teleconference. Non-essential meetings are to be rescheduled. The College is developing an operation emergency team charged with the responsibility to manage the affairs of the College.</p>



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North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition

<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Not a large impact yet. Starting to implement working from home.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Working from home; electronic meetings.</p>



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CORU (Ireland)

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://coru.ie/health-and-social-care-professionals/covid-19-updates/ - this is being updated by the different sections of our organisations. One things we have done, is to ask applicants for registration or recognition of international qualifications or with complaints, is to submit them using pdf, rather than posting An email has been sent to all of our registrants, highlighting the need to keep an eye on the website, if issues arise during the COVID 19 situation.</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>We are working with our Government department to support emergency legislation, which will allow us to set up a time limited temporary register, for former registrants of CORU, who wish to come back to work to support the national effort.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>All of our meetings have moved to videoconferencing or through written decision making - we do not want to be taking staff who are members of our Registration Board/committees away from frontline work. We are asking Board/committees to only make urgent decisions and are cancelling other meeting currently. An email is being sent to all We have also set up a system that allows people to work from home - about 50% currently because of family responsibilities, where staff are immunocompromised, or are living with people who are immunocompromised. We are prepared for everyone to work from home if a total shut down comes into place.</p>



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North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>We have passed along to licensees the links from state and federal governments</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>We just had our annual 3-day conference for Executive Staff for all 56 CPA licensing boards scheduled in Florida to be cancelled. We will have a one-day virtual instead.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>To protect our staff and Board members, we are having our monthly Board meetings by conference call.</p>



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Social Workers Registration Board New Zealand

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Identifying critical legislative functions and how these can be maintained in the event of a shut down.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning for remote working including regulatory activities, staff support and board support.• Ensuring business continuity• Internal communications to inform staff of developments and safe practice• External communication for sector• Working with other sector agencies including ministry of health



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Alberta College of Occupational Therapists

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>http://acot.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ACOT-Business-Continuity-Plan-March-2020.pdf http://acot.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/IPC-Policy-and-Procedure.pdf</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>No adjustments have had to be made yet. We may need to implement parts of our business continuity plans regarding registration going forward, e.g. be prepared to register eligible/qualified occupational therapists who have retired and have sufficient hours to establish currency, to work on COVID-19 efforts.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>We are considering switching in-person Council meetings to virtual or teleconference meetings and providing work from home opportunities for staff as needed.</p>



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Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists' Association

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/information-for-health-care-providers https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus https://www.sdha.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Covid19_DH_recommendations.pdf</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>We have not changed our approach to regulation. All standards of care must be maintained.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>The office is no longer open to the public. Staff are able to work from their home if they choose to do so.</p>



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College of Chiropractors of British Columbia

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Public/registrant notice: https://www.chirobc.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Referring registrants to appropriate resources for information. Reminding registrants of their professional obligations and the rules around infectious disease, scope of practice, marketing.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Staff are being asked to work remotely. No face to face meetings. No business travel. Operating just above essential service levels.</p>



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Ontario College of Pharmacists

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>all on our public website www.ocpinfo.com</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>hearings delayed, no site visits or inspections, including investigations, timelines for proceedings suspended by provincial emergency order</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>no travel no in-person meetings all work from home - we have had telework in place for a number of years council and committee meetings by videoconference all staff meetings by videoconference skeleton facility staff on site and office open but anyone who comes in will be screened 14-day self isolation for anyone who has returned from vacation abroad flex hours for those with small children and eldercare needs since schools and daycares have closed</p>



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College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Alberta

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Currently we have a pandemic plan in place to ensure that we can work remotely should the need arise.</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Currently there has been little impact.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>We have ensured that all business functions can be done remotely. We have a board meeting coming up and have provided teleconferencing and videoconferencing options and are monitoring the situation to determine if it must be cancelled/postponed.</p>



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Nevada Board of Massage Therapy

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>http://dpbh.nv.gov/coronavirus</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>We follow standard CDC protocols. At this point no additional impact</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>We are following cdc protocols provided by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.</p>



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College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>All on our website at www.cptbc.org</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Providing guidance to registrants about the resources available, discussing specific issues such as duty of care, using telerehab to minimize exposure while continuing to deliver services.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Working from home in effect for 2 week periods and reassessing. All staff have been provided with the equipment to work from home and our business contingency plan has kicked in. We did need to check up on Worksafe BC (workers compensation) rules about working from home.</p>



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Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/mass-gatherings-risk-assesment.html https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx#top</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Licensure examination is at risk as gatherings are restricted, and various other public health measures are put into place. Organizing a written exam date change is not as challenging as altering OSCE's as the number of staff involved and the style of the facility very much limits the ability to rebook/reorganize on short notice. This has already impacted other examination organizations as some facilities are closing... This really leaves candidates for licensure in limbo as they can not entre practice.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Psychological support reminders regarding our employee assistance program and benefits. Remote work is something we have always embraced and valued and it has served us well at this time providing for the ability for staff to continue to work and minimize their contact with others. The Board is receiving regular updates as the situation unfolds, including expected financial impacts and projections based on various scenarios.</p>



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Arizona Board of Nursing

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Utilizing inquiries to Department of Health Services website for update to date information from many sources.</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Nursing Programs with pre licensure student nurses have been barred from clinicals in all health settings. Developed an emergency rule to allow nursing programs to submit how programs will address the lack of onsite direct care and substitute with other options such as additional clinical simulation testing. Long term care and assisted living facilities are concerned if nurses/CNA's have to be quarantined - how will the supply of health care workers be provided? Focus on reducing barriers and monitoring how long does it take to license a nurse or CNA.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Board Meetings may be held by teleconference. Staff given regular updates on importance of protecting themselves, staying home if sick, telecommuting.</p>



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Kansas Board of Cosmetology

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/ https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fguidance-business-response.html https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-03/documents/sars-cov-2-list_03-03-2020.pdf New update as of 03/24/2020 http://www.kansas.gov/kboc/Newsletters/Bulletin_2020-01-COVID-19.pdf</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>New update as of 03/24/2020 - We are unable to conduct on-site inspections. Our office is closed but we have about 800 licenses and permits that expire at the end of the month. I cannot conduct a teleconference Board meeting to take any actions because there are so many from the public wanting to attend. Exam sites are closed.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>On March 12th the Board held a special meeting and authorized the Executive Director, with the review of the Chair and legal counsel, to temporarily approve school requests for distance learning for students CURRENTLY enrolled, where the distance learning venue meets the statutory 1:25 student instructor ratio and method of tracking attendance is in place. We have sent the following guidance to our field inspectors. With the continuous outbreaks and additional confirmed cases in Kansas, we have developed some guidelines for the inspection process. Please take this serious because this could potentially become a very serious matter if we're not cautious and proactive. We want to keep all of you safe and also don't want to potentially pass the virus around to others. If you are presenting symptoms, please report it immediately to me and stay home until cleared. Symptoms consist of fever, cough and shortness of breath. Stay out of counties with confirmed cases for two weeks. We will re-evaluate after two weeks and provide more information at that time. If or when additional counties develop confirmed cases, we will notify you accordingly. Presently the counties that have confirmed cases are Johnson and Wyandotte counties. Recent presumptive positive in Sedgwick county but KDHE has not yet confirmed the case. Will notify you if confirmed. § Compliance inspections will continue to be completed in the confirmed case counties but please communicate with the facility owner during the scheduling of the compliance inspection that the only persons present during the inspection will be employees and owner(s) of the facility. Do not inspect any assisted living or nursing home type of facilities until further notice. Do not inspect any schools until further notice as many schools have temporarily closed and utilizing online education. Use gloves during inspections and use hand sanitizer after each inspection. Use the sanitizing wipes to wipe down your surface and stylus after each inspection. If you do not have sanitizing wipes, you can use paper towels and hand sanitizer.</p> <p>New update as of 03/24/2020 - We have grounded our inspectors until further notice. We are providing video conference compliance inspections for those that need them to open their business.</p>



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College of Alberta Dental Assistants

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx#toc-2 and from our website abrda.ca</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Non-essential oral health care has been suspended. Only emergency/urgent care is permitted at the moment. Therefore, our registrants are only permitted to assist with emergency/urgent care - and only if appropriate PPE is available. Although we are processing applications, there is limited employment available at the moment. We are continuing with the complaint process as needed and we are monitoring registrants continuing competence participation.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>We have a pandemic plan and business continuity plan in place that includes paid sick and personal time for staff, IT plan for remote access if necessary (maximum 8 hour roll-out), staff business travel is suspended and the office is closed to the public. Council and committees communicate by email and conference call as required. All in-person meetings have been suspended.</p>



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Oregon Medical Board

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>healthoregon.org/coronavirus https://www.oregon.gov/omb/Topics-of-Interest/Pages/COVID-19.aspx</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>With the Governor's declared emergency, we can issue temporary authorization for out-of-state physicians and PAs to practice in Oregon if they meet certain criteria: https://www.oregon.gov/omb/Topics-of-Interest/Pages/COVID-19.aspx.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>For staff, we are allowing telework and staggered schedules. We have canceled non-essential meetings and are encouraging staff to stay home if they are sick. We have also done frequent messaging about the importance of handwashing and cleaning desks and frequently touched surfaces. We are increasing janitorial services as well. For the Board, we are planning boxed lunches for all Board meals (rather than buffet-style lunches). We will move toward teleconference for Board meetings if needed.</p>



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College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/23-01-2020-statement-on-the-meeting-of-the-international-health-regulations-(2005)-emergency-committee-regarding-the-outbreak-of-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov) https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>No significant change at this time. We are prepared to add former/retired registrants to register on the courtesy register to provide basic assessment and simple or not complex treatments.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Meeting virtually rather than face to face council or committee meetings.</p>



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Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/information-for-health-care-providers#virtual-care</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Major changes have not yet been implemented but planning has occurred to prepare.</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>We only have two staff with home offices. We have cancelled all work travel and are utilizing video conferencing. One staff that does not have a webcam for their computer purchased a webcam to be able to attend council meetings by video-conferencing. Education for committee members have been postponed by other organizations. Some projects have been put on hold or cancelled to focus on the priorities of COVID-19.</p>



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College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>https://ctcma.bc.ca/about/announcements/2020-01-30-coronavirus-introduction/ https://ctcma.bc.ca/about/announcements/2020-03-19-communication-to-registrants-regarding-coronavirus-covid-19/</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Registrants are directed to the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control, which is the official source of information in the province</p>
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Face-to-face meeting with stakeholders banned as of March 12, 2020 until the foreseeable future. All work related travels suspended which will be in effect until the foreseeable future Remote work mandated until further notice</p>



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College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan

<p>Please provide links to any resources you are sharing with the public or licensees/registrants related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Resources are on our website http://cps.sk.ca/imis/</p>
<p>Please provide more information on how COVID-19 is impacting the way you regulate professions and/or occupations in your jurisdiction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency licensure is in place• Emergency waiver of some of the requirements for physicians seeking a change in scope of practice is in place• Emergency waiver of some of the standards of practice is in place• A huge amount of our time and effort is devoted to dealing with requests from physicians and the public, and in dealing with the plans for service delivery• Frequent updates to the publicly available information on our website
<p>Please describe any measures you are taking to protect and provide support to your organization's board and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many staff are working from home• Relatively few in person meetings - most are electronic. Those that are in person social distance is maintained• Encouraging handwashing, availability of sanitizers, more careful cleaning