

*****UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR DISTANCE LEARNING - UPDATED 7-16-20*****

Schools can provide distance learning instruction for all theory classes until December 31, 2020. The distance learning platform used for theory instruction must provide real-time, live, interactive audio/video instruction.

Schools can continue to provide distance learning instruction for practical/clinical classes for those students who were enrolled as of or prior to March 27, 2020, until December 31, 2020, for up to 25% of the required program hours.

Schools can provide distance learning instruction for practical/clinical classes for those students who were enrolled after March 27, 2020, until December 31, 2020, limited to instruction in the basic services in each discipline of cosmetology, esthetics and nail technology. Any services requiring the use of chemicals, such as on hair or in facials, or acrylic nails, are not basic services and cannot be taught online.

The distance learning platform used for practical or clinical instruction must provide real-time, live, interactive audio/video instruction, and allow for the student to view the instructor, and for the instructor to view the student while the student is practicing the technique being demonstrated.

Schools are required to monitor student attendance and hours. Schools are strongly urged to work with their students to ensure the safety of the students, faculty and staff, and the public, and to allow students to make up any work missed due to the public health emergency without penalty, or to grant requested leaves of absence to students during this time.

The Board suggests that schools review and be familiar with federal OSHA and CDC information regarding COVID-19.

The Board will review these distance learning guidelines at its November Board meeting, if necessary.