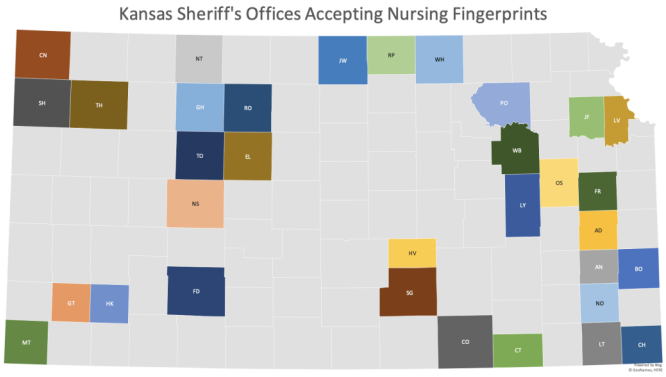
Kansas State Board of Nursing
Weekly Update

April 17, 2020

The mission of the Board of Nursing is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Board of Nursing and the Landon building are closed to the walk-in public at least through May 3. Like most state agencies and businesses, the majority of KSBN staff are teleworking to perform the functions of the agency. **Due to our high utilization of technology and dedicated staff, functions of the agency continue**. Some functions are interdependent with other entities, such as fingerprinting and NCLEX exams, and may not be business as usual. KSBN continues to work collaboratively to seek solutions, streamline functions and identify any regulatory changes that can be made that will allow KSBN to work to support Kansas nurses. Given that many of our KSBN staff members are teleworking, the best way to contact them is via their email. You may find our direct agency contacts information listed under Staff Directory on our website. Please continue to follow our website and social media [Twitter and Facebook] and our COVID-19 Information Center for agency updates and frequently asked questions. For quicker responses, we strongly encourage you to do business with KSBN via our online services located on our website, mail or fax. **KSBN staff are working diligently to continue to carry out the functions of the agency.** Thank you for your patience during this difficult and uncertain time.

⇒ **Fingerprints:** We have secured 35 locations that are willing to fingerprint our nursing applicants. A big **"THANK YOU"** to the Sheriff Offices in Kansas for providing this service for our nursing applicants. The map below designates which counties are participating. There is a list of the sites with contact information on our website. Please assure you are bringing the information required at that site.



⇒ **NCLEX testing sites:** During the week of April 6 the number that tested in the U.S. was 2,074. During the week of April 13, testing occurred at 154 testing sites. The sites in Kansas that are presently open include: Overland Park, Topeka, Wichita and Hays.

⇒ **Executive Order No. 20-19:** Governor Kelly signed EO 20-19 on 4-9-2020 which immediately impacts licenses with KSBN:

- KSBN shall **extend renewal deadlines** for all licenses that were in good standing as of March 12, 2020 and that has expired or will expire during the state of Disaster Emergency and such licenses shall remain valid until 90 days following the termination of the State of Disaster Emergency. Does not include a license that is revoked, cancelled, surrendered or suspended as of March 12, 2020.
- KSBN shall **extend the deadlines for any continuing education requirements** mandated until 90 days following the termination of the State of Disaster Emergency
- **Licensure verification:** We are unable to change the expiration dates of the affected licenses until we know the termination date of the State of Disaster Emergency. We are adding an explanation in Nursys and on the KSBN Licensure Database that indicates the licenses are active even though the expiration date has occurred.

Thank you for your support during this unprecedented time. Stay safe and healthy!

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