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**NEW MEXICO BOARD OF BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS
NOTICE REGARDING THE REOPENING OF BARBER AND
COSMETOLOGY SCHOOLS**

Barbers and cosmetology schools licensed in New Mexico by the New Mexico Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists, pursuant to the Barbers and Cosmetologist Practice Act, NMSA 1978, Section 61-17A-12 and Rules 16.34.7.1 to 16.34.8.22 NMAC, may begin school operations effective immediately.

All schools must adhere to the public health and executive orders issued by the Department of Health and Office of the Governor, including, but not limited to, the following directives:

- Persons situated within the business shall not exceed 25% of the maximum occupancy of any enclosed space on the premises, as determined by the relevant fire marshal or fire department
- If the business' occupancy has not been determined by the relevant fire marshal or fire department, persons situated within the business shall not exceed 25% of what the business can reasonably accommodate
- Social distancing must be practiced at all times
- Masks are to be worn at all times
- Individuals who experience COVID-related symptoms or who have been exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 should not attend and should self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days

When making decisions unique to their business, school owners should be guided by and promote the health and safety of their instructors and students above all else. Schools are encouraged to review the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) Guidelines for Schools](#) and the [New Mexico Safe Practices Document for Salons](#). Additionally, all health and sanitation rules and regulations must still be followed (you may review those [here](#)).

Questions related to re-opening should be directed to the Department of Health's non-emergency COVID-19 hotline at 1-833-551-0518. You may also visit the [Department of Health's website](#) for comprehensive information.

Licensing-related questions should be directed to the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists at barber.cosmoboard@state.nm.us or 505-476-4690. Please note the Board will not be able to answer any questions regarding the re-opening of schools beyond what is contained in this notice.

To report non-compliance within a business, a violation of the mass gathering ban, or any other violations, click [here](#).

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To review up-to-date public health and executive orders, click [here](#). Please note school closures are subject to change at any time in accordance with orders issued by the Department of Health and Office of the Governor.

Sincerely,

The Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists