

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF HEALTH PRACTITIONERS  
IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY:**

***LIMITED TO PERFORMING SERVICES NECESSARY TO SUPPORT COVID-19  
RESPONSE EFFORTS IN INPATIENT HOSPITAL AND SKILLED NURSING CARE  
SETTINGS***

On March 6, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-215, declaring a state of emergency regarding COVID-19, a strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person causing illness that can range from very mild to severe, including illness resulting in death. In August 2021, after fighting the COVID-19 virus for well over a year, the public became faced with a new threat, the Delta variant of COVID-19. The Delta variant is nearly twice as contagious as previous COVID-19 variants, and has resulted in a surge of hospitalizations stressing our Commonwealth's health care systems.

On August 18, 2021, the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services activated its operation of the emergency system for advanced registration of volunteer health practitioners, pursuant to KRS 39A.356, and thereby directed the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure to accept and review licenses for volunteer health practitioners, *who will be limited to only performing services necessary to support COVID-19 response efforts in inpatient hospital and skilled nursing care settings.*

MDs/DOs/PA-Cs not already licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, may register to practice within Kentucky during this state of emergency as follows:

- Complete and submit the Emergency System Application for Health Practitioner provided on the Board's website
- No fee is required for this type of registration

Once your application is received and this Board has verified that you are licensed and in good standing in other state(s), you will be sent a written letter stating your enrollment on the registry limited to performing services necessary to support COVID-19 response efforts in inpatient hospital and skilled nursing care settings within the Commonwealth of Kentucky during the state of emergency.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact:

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**Kentucky Registration for Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Practitioners**  
**COVID-19 Inpatient/Skilled Nursing Facility**

### Section 1: Provider Information

First Name/M.I.		Last Name	
Date of Birth		Last 4 SSN	
Email			

### Section 2: Mailing Address Information

Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
City, State, Zip	
Cell Number	

### Section 3: Kentucky Practice Location This must be a Kentucky Hospital/Skilled Nursing Facility.

Facility Name	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Number	
*Contact Person	

\*You are required to provide a contact person at the facility in which you are authorized to practice.

### Section 4: Services

Will the services performed be on-site in a Kentucky facility?  Yes  No

If "NO", please provide explanation. \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 5: License Information – List All State Licenses

Issuing State	
License Number	
Issue Date	
Expiration Date	
Disciplinary Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Issuing State	
License Number	
Issue Date	
Expiration Date	
Disciplinary Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return registration to [kbml@ky.gov](mailto:kbml@ky.gov) or fax to (502) 429-7158.



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On January 31, 2020, in response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, the Secretary for the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency; this declaration was most recently renewed on April 20, 2021. Additionally, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency which was extended by President Biden on February 24, 2021.

On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-215 declaring a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the Commonwealth. At this time, after fighting the COVID-19 virus for well over a year, the Commonwealth and the United States is faced with a new threat, the Delta variant of COVID-19.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the Delta variant is nearly twice as contagious as previous COVID-19 variants, and fully vaccinated people with Delta variant breakthrough infections can spread the virus to others. Hospitalizations from COVID-19 are doubling every two weeks, by far the fastest rate of growth of the pandemic, stressing hospitals across the Commonwealth to the breaking point. Furthermore, the surge of hospitalizations of children with COVID-19 is causing children’s hospitals to become overwhelmed.

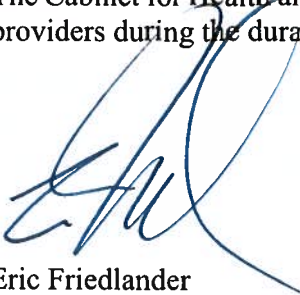
Therefore, pursuant to the authority in KRS 194A.025, KRS 214.020, KRS 39A.356 and Executive Order 2020-215, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services states that the following directives are in effect as long as any of the executive actions remain in effect:

**Pursuant to KRS 39A.356, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, Kentucky Board of Nursing, and Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care are hereby directed to review licenses submitted by health practitioners licensed in states other than Kentucky, confirm they are licensed and in good standing to perform health services, and accept licenses found valid as authorization to practice their respective profession within the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the duration of this emergency.**

**These practitioners may only perform services necessary to support COVID-19 response efforts during the duration of the state of emergency; these services are limited to inpatient hospital services and skilled nursing care.**

The Secretary for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services has been designated by the Governor to deliver these directives during this public health emergency.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will continue to provide information and updates to healthcare providers during the duration of this Public Health Emergency.



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