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March 18, 2020

RE: EXECUTIVE ORDER TO CLOSE PUBLIC-FACING BUSINESSES

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 17 2020, Governor Beshear issued an Order instructing "all public-facing businesses that encourage public congregation or, that by the nature of the service to the public, cannot comply with CDC guidelines concerning social distancing, [to] cease all in-person operations."

By the nature of their service to the public, Tattoo Studios, Body Piercing Studios, and Ear Piercing studios cannot comply with CDC guidelines concerning social distancing and shall cease operation.

All Tattoo Studios, Body Piercing Studios, and Ear Piercing Studios, including those Ear Piercing Studios which are permitted within a larger retail establishment, must comply with the Order and close for business by 5:00 PM, March 18th, 2020.

In addition, until the guidance in this Order is lifted, Local Health Departments will not issue temporary permits for Tattooing or Piercing.

These measures will be in place until further notice. We thank you for your cooperation and will continue to provide you with updates as they are available.

Sincerely,

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ORDER

March 17, 2020

On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-215, declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency. Pursuant to the authority in KRS 194A.025, KRS 214.020, and Executive Order 2020-215, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Public Health, hereby orders the following directives to reduce and slow the spread of COVID-19:

1. By 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2020, all public-facing businesses that encourage public congregation or, that by the nature of the service to the public, cannot comply with CDC guidelines concerning social distancing, shall cease all in-person operations.

2. These public-facing businesses that must close include entertainment, hospitality and recreational facilities, community and recreation centers, gyms and exercise facilities, hair salons, nail salons, spas, concert venues, theaters, and sporting event facilities.

3. For the avoidance of doubt, businesses providing food, food processing, agriculture, industrial manufacturing, feed mills, construction, trash collection, retail, grocery and consumer goods, home repair/hardware and auto repair, pharmacy, and other medical facilities, biomedical and healthcare, post offices, insurance, banks, gas stations, laundromats, veterinary clinics and pet stores, warehousing, storage, and distribution, public transportation, and hotel and commercial lodging may remain open, subject to limitations provided in prior

orders, but must to the extent practicable implement Centers for Disease Control guidance, including:

- maintaining a distance of 6 feet between persons;
- ensuring employees practice appropriate hygiene measures, including regular, thorough handwashing;
- ensuring that employees who are sick remain home; and
- regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

4. Public-facing businesses that remain open shall post the attached sign at all entrances.

5. The Department of Public Health hereby delegates to local health departments the authority to take all necessary measures to implement this Order.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will monitor these directives continuously and may extend the directives beyond their current expiration date. The Cabinet will continue to provide information and updates to healthcare providers during the duration of this Public Health Emergency.

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