

On March 22, 2020, Governor Kim Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Emergency Disaster. Governor Reynolds has re-issued subsequent Proclamations of Emergency Disaster. In each Proclamation, Governor Reynolds temporarily suspended a number of regulatory provisions applicable to a number of professions, including veterinary medicine. The Proclamations ease administrative rules relating to limitations on continuing education by electronic means. The full texts of the Proclamations are available on the Governor's website.

In 2020, the Iowa Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, HF2627, which included a provision that:

Sec. 48. CONTINUING EDUCATION — ELECTRONIC MEANS. For the period beginning on the effective date of this division of this Act through June 30, 2021, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each licensing board, as defined in section 272C.1, shall allow licensees to satisfy continuing education requirements by electronic means.

As required in the Proclamations and as set forth in Section 48 or HF2627, the Board of Veterinary Medicine hereby issues this guidance relating to the temporary suspension of administrative rules in these areas which directly impact the Board and 811 Iowa Administrative Code.

Licensed veterinarians may obtain all their continuing education hours for the current triennium (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023) online. In-person coursework will not be required.

Certified veterinary technicians may obtain all their continuing education hours for the current triennium (January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023) online. In-person coursework will not be required.

Please contact Ginny Eason with questions.

Approved by the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine on March 25, 2021