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Memorandum

TO: Licensed Schools
FROM: Stephen Kirschner, Executive Director,
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DATE: June 3, 2020
SUBJECT: School Instruction under Phase Two

On Tuesday, June 2, Governor Ralph Northam issued [Executive Order 65](#) (EO 65) and announced the guidelines for the “Forward Virginia” Phase Two easing of temporary restrictions due to the novel coronavirus. In EO 65, Governor Northam specifically addressed vocational schools regulated by the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology, authorizing them to resume limited on-site practical instruction when Phase Two begins on Friday, June 5 in most of Virginia*.

As such, schools entering Phase Two may resume on-site practical instruction provided they meet the following requirements:

- Compliance with the [Guidelines for All Business Sectors](#);
- No more than 50 individuals in one location; and
- Compliance with all sector-specific guidelines (Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services, starting on page 27 of the [Guidelines for Phase Two](#)), to the extent possible under the regulations. *If a regulatory training requirement conflicts with the sector-specific guidance, the school should comply with the regulation.*
 - For example, when the regulations require a certain number of facial performances, but the guidelines prohibit services that require the client to remove their mask, you may remove the client’s mask to comply with the regulatory training requirement. Such deviation from the guidelines should only be done when necessary.

***Schools in the Northern Virginia region and the City of Richmond remain in Phase One and must wait until those jurisdictions enter Phase Two to begin on-site instruction.**

Your school is encouraged to continue utilizing online learning methods for theory instruction. DPOR’s Director has extended the [temporary waiver](#) allowing distance or online methods for all theory instruction for 30 days after the [State of Emergency](#) is lifted.

You can find resources and information from DPOR regarding the COVID-19 situation on our website: <http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/COVID-19/>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board at barbercosmo@dpor.virginia.gov.