

Kansas State Board of Nursing

Weekly Update

May 1, 2020

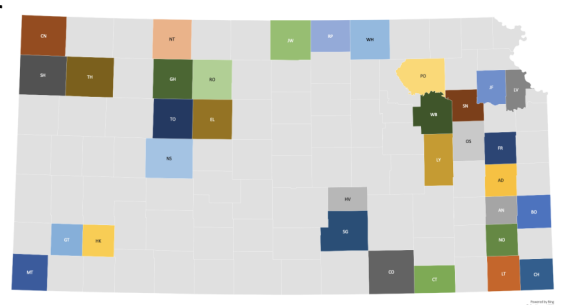
The mission of the Board of Nursing is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians



To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Board of Nursing and the Landon Building are closed to the walk-in public at least through May 17. Like most state agencies and businesses, the majority of KSBN staff are teleworking to perform the functions of the agency. **Due to our high utilization of technology and dedicated staff, functions of the agency continue.** Some functions are interdependent with other entities, such as fingerprinting and NCLEX exams, and may not be business as usual. KSBN continues to work collaboratively to seek solutions, streamline functions and identify any regulatory changes that can be made that will allow KSBN to work to support Kansas nurses. Given that many of our KSBN staff members are teleworking, the best way to contact them is via their email. You may find our direct agency contacts information listed under [Staff Directory](#) on our website. Please continue to follow our website and social media [[Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)] and our [COVID-19 Information Center](#) for agency updates and frequently asked questions. For quicker responses, we strongly encourage you to do business with KSBN via our online services located on our [website](#), mail or fax. **KSBN staff are working diligently to continue to carry out the functions of the agency.** Thank you for your patience during this difficult and uncertain time.

⇒ **Fingerprints:** Due to social distancing requirements, **KSBN will NO longer perform fingerprinting services in the agency** when open to public traffic again. There is a [list of the sites with contact information on our website](#). Please assure you are bringing the information required at that site.

Kansas Sheriff's Offices & KBI Accepting Nursing Fingerprints



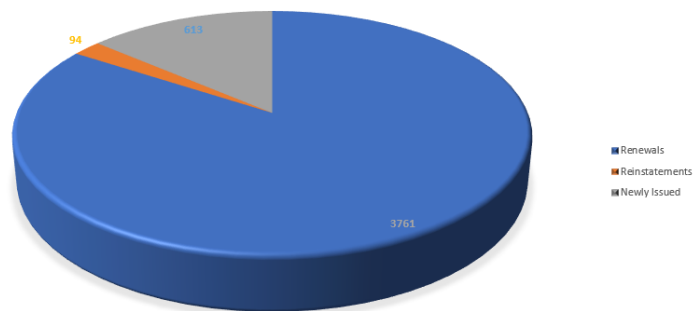
⇒ **NCLEX testing sites:** All available testing sites will be social distancing until further notice, so they will be at 50% capacity. Testing sites will remain open unless government mandated to shut down. NCLEX candidates get priority for seating. NCSBN and Pearson Vue are working on solutions for possible backlog during May through August. [The sites in Kansas presently open include: Overland Park, Topeka, Wichita and Hays.](#)

⇒ **Controlled Substance Verification Form:** This can be submitted electronically now and APRNs are no longer required to obtain the signature of their responsible physician. The electronic form is shorter and faster for the APRN to submit.

⇒ **Walk-in traffic to the agency:** We must meet social distancing requirements when the public walk-in to our agency. Appointments will be required to enter the agency. Only one person per appointment and no children or other adults are permitted. Instructions about making appointments will be posted on our website as we get closer to May 17.

⇒ **Licensure support by KSBN since March 12, the start of the State of Emergency Declaration:**

- Renewals: 3761,
- Reinstatements: 94,
- Newly issued single state: 119,
- Newly issued multi-state: 374,
- APRN: 53



◆ Continue to check our [website](#) frequently for updates!!

Thank you for your support during this unprecedented time. Stay safe and healthy!

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