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Frequently Asked Questions re: CE hours for COVID-19 Response

EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-13 AND 2020-49 HAVE EXPIRED; NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-82 IS NOW IN EFFECT

How do I submit my COVID-19 CME hours to get CME?

----COVID-19 hours can only be submitted using this tracking tool https://tinyurl.com/BH-COVID

Do I have to submit my hours spent responding to COVID-19?

----No, this tracking tool is completely optional and there is no requirement that hours be tracked. If you wish to receive continuing education credits for the time spent responding to COVID-19 per the Governor's Executive Order 2020-82, you will need to provide LARA with "reasonably sufficient evidence to show that the hours they worked from March 17, 2020 (the effective date of the original Executive Order 2020-13) through June 9, 2020, were hours worked responding to the COVID-19 emergency. Examples of reasonably sufficient evidence include, but are not limited to, a written attestation by the licensee, a human resources administrator, or a direct supervisor at work to the timeframe, amount, and nature of the hours worked." This tool is simply to assist you with keeping track of your hours for documentation purposes.

I am responding to COVID-19 at Beaumont Health as well as other neighboring (non-Beaumont) hospitals. Can I track the hours spent responding at other area hospitals through the Beaumont form?

-----This tracking tool is limited to only those hours spent directly assisting **Beaumont Health** with responding to the COVID-19 crisis.

What professions, if any, are excluded from receiving the COVID-19 CME hours?

----EO 2020-82 includes ALL healthcare-related professions licensed in Michigan through LARA.

Will LARA extend the licensure period due to lack of CME being offered?

-----This opportunity is originally based on <u>EO 2020-13</u>. On April 14, EO 2020-13 expired and was replaced by <u>EO 2020-49</u>, extending the opportunity through May 12, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. On May 13, EO 2020-49 expired and was replaced by <u>EO 2020-82</u>. The CME tracking form has been extended through <u>June 12</u> for tracking of COVID-19 response hours for the date range of <u>March 17 through June 9, 2020</u>.

I don't have a smart phone. How can I track my COVID-19 response hours?

-----A smart phone is not required to complete the tracking form; access the form from a computer at https://tinyurl.com/BH-COVID.

I have attended a "Here Comes the Sun" COVID-19 educational lecture, is this eligible for credit?

----Yes, because this education is focused on front line experiences with COVID-19 at Beaumont, these lectures are eligible for CE through the COVID-19 tracking form. If the "Here Comes the Sun" lecture is being delivered as part of an already CME-certified lecture series, you many only receive credit once.

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Does the COVID-19 response CE opportunity apply to telemedicine visits?

-----Diagnosing and treating COVID-19, triaging symptoms, discussing social distancing with patients, transitional care management of COVID-discharged patients via telemedicine would be eligible; other patient visits via telemedicine that are not COVID-19 related would not qualify for this opportunity.

I am a healthcare professional that has been redeployed to a different area. I am not directly responding to COVID-19 in this new role, but COVID-19 was the reason for the redeployment. Am I eligible for CE credits under this Executive Order?

----EO 2020-13, EO 2020-49, and EO 2020-82 state, "LARA may recognize hours worked responding to the COVID-19 emergency as hours toward continuing education courses or programs required for licensure." Without any further guidance, we have interpreted this as responding directly with COVID-19 patients or operations related to COVID-19. While a healthcare provider's role may have been directly impacted by COVID-19, the new role must be related to COVID-19, such as screening patients, assisting with emergency operations/call center, COVID-related administrative tasks, etcetera in order to qualify.

Does the licensee need to be in a COVID-19 response role that is <u>related to their licensed</u> <u>profession</u>? For example, a licensed massage therapist is now a screener at the hospital. Can they submit the hours worked as a COVID-19 screener for CE for their massage license renewal?

----There is no requirement that the hours worked responding to COVID-19 be directly related to the licensee's current profession; the hours worked do need to be response time related to the COVID-19 emergency, such as screening patients, assisting with emergency operations/call center, COVID-related administrative tasks, etcetera.