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**NOTICE: Distance-Online Learning Guidance during the COVID-19
Public Health Emergency**

March 26, 2020

Please be advised that on March 26, 2020, the Board of Registration of Massage Therapy (hereinafter, the “Board”) made the following determinations.

The Board hereby authorizes, for the duration of the Commonwealth’s current state of emergency related to the COVID-19 healthcare crisis only, for those students then enrolled in Massachusetts licensed massage therapy schools, that the Board will accept distance/on-line interactive learning for all individual massage therapist licensure requirements, except for 150 supervised classroom hours of massage theory and technique and 100 required hours of unpaid and supervised clinical or externship experience.

When reviewing requests for distance/on-line interactive learning, the Board wants to ensure that the content of the courses remains the same. In addition, prior to any approval, the school must attest that all students enrolled in the program have the capability to receive the online instruction.

The Board hereby authorizes its staff to review requests for distance/on-line interactive learning from licensed massage therapy schools for compliance with the above-stated distance/on-line interactive learning determination.

The Board further delegates to Mr. Alexei Levine to act in its stead between regularly-scheduled Board meetings in respect of interpreting and enforcing the above-stated distance/on-line interactive learning determination.

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