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## BULLETIN 2020-20

### PESTICIDE EXAM UPDATE

To: Pesticide Exam Applicants and Their Employers  
From: Pesticide Program, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources  
Date: July 23, 2020  
Re: Pesticide Exams

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On March 10, 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration declared a state of emergency due to Coronavirus (COVID-19). At that point-in-time, the Department made the difficult decision to suspend any new exam registrations and cancel the remaining pesticide exams in March and all exams scheduled for April and May.

During that time, the Department developed a plan and provided an opportunity for those with cancelled exams to be rescheduled. Many individuals did seek to cancel their exams and have their fees refunded, but many were also provided with an opportunity to take their exams, albeit under very unusual conditions—via drive-in exams.

Please note that the Department is developing a new process for online exam delivery. Under the new process, applicants will take their exams online following a new protocol and using services contracted by the Department.

In the interim, the Department will continue to deploy limited exam dates at select locations, following all state mandates and strict protocols to protect the health of examinees and the Department's exam administrators from COVID-19. These limited exam dates, locations, and associated rosters and results will continue to be posted on the below website:

#### **Pesticide Exams Rosters and Results:**

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/pesticide-exams-rosters-and-results>

Additional information will be made available about the use of online exams as the Department draws nearer to deploying this new exam delivery system.

While this is a very challenging time, please know that the Department is committed to serving its' constituents and stakeholders and will continue to work in the most helpful and supportive manner possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding, as together, we navigate this rapidly evolving situation.

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