

## WSVMA COVID-19 Alert - April 3, 2020

### License renewal dates extended

The WA Secretary of Health has extended health profession license expiration dates for licenses up for renewal between April 1 and September 30, 2020. The order includes licenses for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and veterinary medication clerks. Licenses that expire during this six month period must be renewed by September 30, 2020.

This extension will allow health professionals to focus on patient care and promote continued patient safety during the COVID-19 outbreak. Because renewal payment won't be required until September 30, 2020, it will also reduce the economic burden on those providers not able to work during this emergency.

Washington law allows the Secretary of Health to grant an administrative modification for the duration of any license, certification, or registration period to address unusual circumstances. Governor's Proclamation 20-32 provides authority for the action without agency rulemaking. More information is available [here](#).

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### What you need to know about the CARES Act and business loans

Things are changing quickly on the terms and rules of the business loans established by the CARES Act. To keep abreast of the most recent updates, including from today, visit the AVMA [website](#).

AVMA has developed a suite of resources to help you understand the relief programs and decide how best to use them for your individual situation:

- [Free webinar: CARES Act small business loan programs](#)  
Learn how to prepare for the new Paycheck Protection Program launching Friday, and understand how it compares with the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans.
- [Free webinar: COVID-19 Insurance Claims and CARES Act Leave Provisions](#)  
Understand the paid leave and unemployment insurance provisions in the stimulus package and how they might apply to you and your business in this webinar with insurance and employment law experts – sponsored by AVMA LIFE and AVMA PLIT.
- Understand the details of new programs and requirements  
AVMA's [COVID-19 legislation and regulations page](#) has detailed information to help you understand how the federal relief measures affect you, your team, and your business:
  - [Small business loans](#)
  - [New tax provisions for small businesses](#)
  - [Paid sick and family leave](#)
  - [Paid leave exemption for small businesses](#)
  - [Pandemic unemployment insurance](#)
  - [Federal student loan payments and interest](#)
  - [Federal agency announcements](#)

- [Addressing contractual obligations](#)  
Find considerations for addressing financial obligations to vendors and suppliers when business operations are reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Additional information:**

- Katz Sapper & Miller resources
    - Paycheck Protection Program: What Should You Be Doing Now? – [Katz Sapper & Miller](#)
    - [Webinar](#) on the Paycheck Protection Program and [presentation materials](#)
  - Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) – [Small Business Administration](#)
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#### **Petriage New Member Telemedicine Benefit**

Petriage offers a proprietary, advanced online teletriage tool that uses a sophisticated algorithm to identify what may be ailing a dog or cat, enabling pet owners to assess the need for veterinary care and their family veterinarian to communicate with them. Veterinarians can assess the urgency of household pets' health symptoms remotely and deliver trusted recommendations. In addition, the software enables pets' medical data to be integrated effortlessly into the vet's practice management system.

In addition to its ability to host remote client interactions and patient monitoring care, Petriage enables veterinarians to capture a significant portion of pet care cases occurring after-hours that they would have been unaware of and likely would result in emergency room visits.

Members receive discounts on service. To get started, contact Petriage at (425) 442-3966, email Allon Freiman at [allon@petriage.com](mailto:allon@petriage.com), or visit their website at [www.petriage.com](http://www.petriage.com).

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#### **New Links**

- Paid Sick Leave and Coronavirus (COVID-19) Common Questions - [WA Dept. of Labor & Industries](#)
  - Interim recommendations for intake of companion animals from households where humans with COVID-19 are present - [AVMA](#)
  - Considerations for food animal veterinarians during the COVID-19 pandemic - [AVMA](#)
  - Why We Must Suspend S/N During COVID-19: Voices from the Field – [Assoc. for Animal Welfare Advancement](#)
  - [WSVMA COVID-19 Resources](#)
  - Tips for Disaster Responders – [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#) –
  - Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility - [CDC](#)
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#### **WSVMA COVID-19 Webinars**

- [Pre-recorded COVID-19 webinars from WSVMA](#)

- *COVID-19 in the Work Place: Key Employment Law Questions Answered* with Amy M. Mensik, Partner, Witherspoon Kelley Law Firm
- *Leadership Through Crisis: Your Veterinary Practice Today* with Tyler Jones, Attorney at Helsell Fetterman and Joseph Coury, CEO at Omni Practice Group
- *Navigating all things COVID-19: Update on Current Knowledge & Best Practices* with Carrie La Jeunesse, DVM, CT, CFE
- April 3, 2020, 12pm – Part Two of *Leadership Through Crisis: Your Veterinary Practice Today*. Register [here](#).