

**INFORMATION Notice 2020 – 01; issued 3/24/2020**

**Notice of Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 22, 2020 as it relates to Iowa Mammography and Stereotactic regulations**

A proclamation issued by the State of Iowa governor on March 22, 2020 temporarily suspends the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code 136C until April 16, 2020. This includes continuing education and continuing experience for mammography and stereotactic personnel (radiologist, technologist, and medical physicist). For mammography this does not apply to initial or requalification. We are continually determining the scope of allowed variances so individuals and facilities should consult the program before making any assumptions. Keep in mind there are numerous options for online continuing education. Additional guidance on continuing experience will be issued as the COVID-19 situation changes from day to day and timeline is unknown.

Iowa Bureau of Radiological Health has suspended Mammography and Stereotactic inspections through April 17, 2020. All facilities who had inspections scheduled within this timeframe have been contacted.

[Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued 3/22/2020](#) - Iowa Code 136C reference

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued information on MQSA inspections Related to COVID-19**

The FDA issued information regarding MQSA as related to COVID-19 on March 19, 2020. It touches on requirements if your facility chooses to temporarily cease mammography operations, if your facility equipment is due for an annual medical physicist survey, and possible non-compliances due to the coronavirus. Following is the link to FDA's information.

[MQSA Information Related to COVID-19](#)

Iowa is a State Certifying Agency. If you need to request an extension for your annual medical physicist survey, contact Kellee Kemp, [Kellee.kemp@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:Kellee.kemp@idph.iowa.gov) and Gina Fuller, [gina.fuller@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:gina.fuller@idph.iowa.gov). Please remember to contact us prior to making any assumptions on the scope of these allowances.



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