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Dear schools,

At this week's board meeting, the board decided to allow applicants to choose either a live model or a mannequin. Please note that this is a temporary measure to limit the risk associated with the pandemic and to comply with statewide public-health requirements.

I've attached the supplemental notice we sent out to applicants who have been sent a notice.

If you have any questions about this notice, please let me know

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Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 5:45 PM
To: barber-schools <barber-schools@lists.ncmail.net>
Subject: [Barber-schools] July exams

Dear schools,

We'll be resuming exams in July and have sent (and will be sending) notices out to applicants. Although you're not required to assist students with the exam instructions, I know that students often look to you for assistance.

Attached are the instructions that students will receive, including special instructions related to the pandemic. In addition, when students arrive, staff members will be giving instructions as part of our measures to control the chance of covid-19 infection. I wanted to highlight a few specific items below.

- If an applicant contacts us before the exam, even the morning of the exam, to reschedule, we won't charge a fee. (Normally, they have to contact us at least 10 days before the exam to avoid being charged the fee.) We're doing this because we want to avoid a situation where an applicant feels ill that morning but still comes to the exam because he or she is concerned about paying an additional fee. We also realize that some applicants may have difficulty finding models, especially during the pandemic, and we want to be flexible.

- For the same reason, individuals whose temporary permits (permission to work) will expire if they reschedule can have the PTW extended. And individuals who don't have a PTW or face some other restriction should contact the board if they believe that rescheduling will negatively affect them. Again, the idea is to remove the temptation to attend the exams while ill.
- Applicants and their models MUST wear face coverings. I realize that, for some people, face coverings are a political issue. However, the City of Raleigh currently mandates face coverings, and the board must protect the staff and other exam attendees. As indicated in the attached notice, we won't allow people in the building if they don't have the face covering.
- For July 2020 exams, and possibly later, we're eliminating the shave. While this is an important part of the board's assessment of applicants, it would require the model to remove the face covering; it also would require the faces of the barber and model to be relatively close while the model is unmasked. This represents an unacceptable risk of viral transmission.
- For July 2020 exams, models must have hair that's at least 1.5 inches at the crown and back of the head (instead of at least 2 inches). We're doing this because there's less advance notice of the exam date than usual. It's a good idea for applicants to get models with longer hair than 1.5 inches, but that's the minimum requirement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or the board staff at barberboard@nc.gov.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR EXAMS MANNEQUINS (COVID-19 PRECAUTION)

On June 23, 2020, the board held a public meeting and determined that for your practical exam, you have the choice of bringing a live model or a mannequin.

Our separate instructions explained the requirements for a live model. If you bring a mannequin, please be sure to bring:

- A mannequin with no markings or colorings on the hair line or scalp AND at least:
 - Two inches of hair on the crown for curly-haired mannequins; or
 - Three inches of hair on the crown for straight-haired mannequins.
- A mannequin clamp to secure your mannequin to the barber chair;
- All other tools and supplies discussed in the other instruction materials.

Please note that this is an option only for your exam. This is not necessarily a permanent change to the exam procedures.

Please contact the board staff if you have any questions or concerns at barberboard@nc.gov or (919) 814-0640.