3/17/20 email communication to DE Nursing Schools:

Good afternoon. I received quite a few inquiries about clinical hours from the nursing schools. In light of the Covid 19 virus and the fact that healthcare facilities are cancelling clinical rotations, I wanted to let all nursing programs know that the board of nursing encourages you to be flexible and creative in obtaining the minimum number of clinical hours (400 for RN students, and 200 for LPN students) while ensuring the students are meeting clinical objectives.

The Division of Professional Regulation is implementing social distancing for staff internally. Until otherwise advised, the Division of Professional Regulation is open to serve the public. However, at the Cannon Building we have temporarily closed the walk up window to minimize contact with the public. Instead, we are utilizing a secured drop box for visitors to leave any necessary documents or payments. We have also developed a Callback Request form that customers can fill out and leave in the box for any questions they might have. The forms will be distributed to the appropriate team and the expectation is to have a response in 48 hours.

All meetings, including hearings, Board meetings, and internal staff meetings are being conducted telephonically.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible. Be safe, be smart, wash your hands, and we will get through this.

Regards,

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3/25/20 email communication to DE Nursing Schools:

The NCSBN has a position paper encouraging academic partnerships with schools of nursing and I have asked schools in DE to be flexible with their curriculum/clinicals. I also have encouraged several facilities to use the list on the Board of Nursing web page under Nursing Programs to contact the schools. As of yesterday, NCLEX will be delivered in certain locations but not in DE. If you have any new grads who were scheduled to take the NCLEX but cannot do so due to the closure of Pearson Vue facilities, please send me their names and we will issue a temporary permit for them to work as a GN or GPN during the pandemic. There will be no charge for this temporary permit to the new graduate. I also have encouraged individuals to consider using nursing students as nursing assistants depending on their level of training. Please keep me posted on your progress and let me know if I can help in any way.