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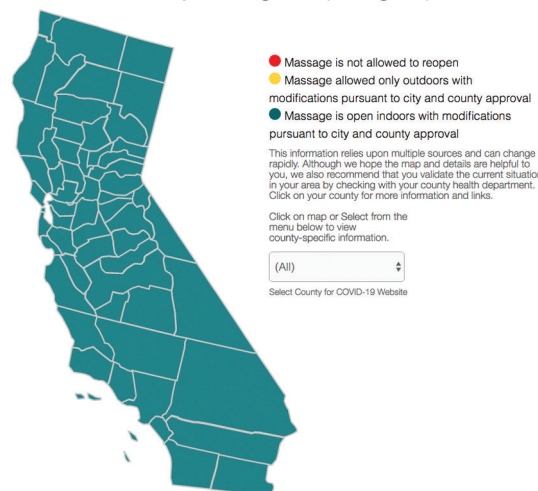
Massage Reopening

As of October 23, 2020 an important milestone was reached. With LA County's announcement that massage may now take place indoors with modifications, **massage is now allowed to occur indoors with modifications in EVERY county in California!** Please check CAMTC's interactive County Massage Reopening Map at

www.camtc.org/county-massage-reopening-map/

for links to online information in your county. Please note that the reopening of massage therapy and massage establishments does not necessarily include massage schools. To see if your school can operate, and with what modifications, consult your local county health department.

County Massage Reopening Map



PASSAGE OF EXAM REQUIREMENT POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2022

2022

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On September 29, 2020, the Governor signed into Law SB 1474. Among other things, this Law extends the suspension of the exam requirement for CAMTC Certification for an additional year.

This means that passage of an approved exam for CAMTC Certification is not required until January 1, 2022.



TEMPORARY POLICY TO ACCEPT INTERACTIVE DISTANCE LEARNING (IDL) HOURS



On July 27, 2020, the CAMTC Board of Directors adopted a Temporary Policy to Accept Interactive Distance Learning (IDL) Hours. This temporary policy, among other things:

- Allows CAMTC to accept synchronous distance learning hours for hands-on practice
- Requires a minimum of 75 in-person hands-on hours
- Requires all schools utilizing IDL to submit a monthly report
- Requires schools to provide written notice to IDL students and obtain a signed acknowledgement

If your school is using or plans to use IDL, you must familiarize yourself with these documents located here: www.camtc.org/schools/school-owners-administrators/

REMINDER TO STUDENTS ABOUT COMPLETE APPLICATIONS

Schools should remind students to wait and submit their applications for certification only after they have completed the 500 hours of required education from an approved program. While students may begin filling out the CAMTC Application in advance, they should not submit until everything is complete. CAMTC does not process incomplete applications, so submitting early does not speed up the process. In fact, submitting an application prematurely often leads to delays. And it sometimes results in the application being purged before it can be processed.



DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

BY JOE BOB SMITH

Welcome to our first CAMTC School Newsletter since April 2020. To say a lot has happened since then would be an understatement. COVID-19 has taken a horrific toll on our society, including massage therapists, massage schools, and the massage profession as a whole.

To keep up with pandemic-related changes affecting CAMTC and Approved Schools, we invite you to dial in to our CAMTC Monthly Schools Calls. While we hope you find these newsletters informative, publishing times follow Board meetings and are therefore less frequent and current than the monthly calls. Together, we can get through this.



The Monthly Schools Call occurs the 1st Wednesday of every month at 2pm. The next call is November 4th, 2020. Calls are open to the public, but participation is prioritized for school owners and administrators. Please email your school-related questions in advance to jbsmith@camtc.org.

To participate in the upcoming conference call, simply call the phone number below and, when prompted, enter the passcode below followed by the # sign:

Phone number: 877-366-0711

Passcode: 82373574 #



BOARD MEETING UPDATE

On October 1, 2020, the Board held a hybrid in-person, teleconference Board meeting. During this meeting, the Board assigned staff to develop a preliminary report exploring whether or not CAMTC should permanently accept some distance learning hours. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2020.

Visit www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/meetings/#2020
for information about future and past meetings.



????????? QUESTION OF THE MONTH ?????????? WHERE TO FIND SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



Find Applications for School Re-Approval and Change of Staff on our website at www.camtc.org/schools/school-owners-administrators/.

To receive an Application for School Approval of new schools or other change applications, please email Joe Bob Smith at jbsmith@camtc.org.

As a reminder, schools must inform CAMTC of all changes affecting their massage program including, but not limited to, changes to ownership, officers, school name, school address, BPPE approval, curriculum, instructors, and administrators.



**CAMTC
WINDOW DECALS**

Get Your Approved School Window Decal

Show your CAMTC Approved School pride with an approved school window decal from CAMTC! CAMTC will provide one to your school free of charge. Email: jbsmith@camtc.org.

These window decals cling to the window without leaving any sticky residue, and can be moved if needed. Great way to announce to your students and public that your school is a CAMTC Approved School!

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

For School Questions or Comments, Joe Bob Smith,
CAMTC Director of Educational Standards Division,
can be reached at:

jbsmith@camtc.org

Missed a CAMTC School Newsletter?

Digital versions of all previous CAMTC School Newsletters can always be found at:
www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/publications/ and scroll down.

California Massage Therapy Council's mission is to protect the public by certifying massage professionals in California that meet the requirements in the law and approving massage programs that meet the minimum standards for training and curriculum.

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