



# State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals  
Health Standards Section

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**To:** All Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Pain Management Clinics, Outpatient Abortion Facilities

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**Re:** State Uniform Construction Code (LAC 17:I.111) Emergency Rule Effective April 2, 2020

The Office of the State Register will publish the following Emergency Rule in the April 20, 2020 issue of the Louisiana Register:

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
Office of the State Fire Marshal Uniform Construction Code Council  
State Uniform Construction Code (LAC 17:I.111)

Please note the exception to Section 422.11, Handwashing Facilities for healthcare settings such as doctor's offices and clinics where there is no reasonably anticipated exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM). This Emergency Rule may be viewed on the following website:

<http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/osr/emr/emr.aspx>

If you have questions about this after reviewing the Emergency Rule, please contact the HSS Program Manager for your facility. Contact Information for HSS Program Managers is located on the Health Standards Directory webpage by selecting the applicable program.

Health Standards Directory webpage link:  
<http://www.ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/directory/category/154>