



To: All Colorado Pesticide Applicators
From: CDA Pesticides Program, Certification Program
Subject: Temporary Suspension and Reduced Pesticide Applicator Examination Schedule

Dear Applicator:

As a result of the recent emergence of the COVID-19 virus in Colorado, in an abundance of caution, the Colorado Department of Agriculture will be suspending all testing the week of March 16th through March 27th, 2020.

Starting March 30th through May 1st, 2020, the Department will only schedule a single exam appointment (one tester / day - all necessary exams) **for applicators that must test to obtain their Qualified Supervisor license for the purpose of licensing their Commercial Pesticide Applicator business.** Other testing situations will be considered on a case by case basis where the inability to license as a Qualified Supervisor will cause undue hardship for the applicator. Each request for examination will be reviewed to meet this priority and scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Applicators needing to license their business will be given priority. If your need to certify is critical, call or e-mail the contacts listed below to have your request reviewed and prioritized for future examination dates, to be determined. All future testing dates will be subject to any future COVID-19 social distancing restrictions imposed on the Department.

During this modified exam administration period, the Department will be developing a more robust exam administration process that ensures the safety of our applicators and staff that we hope to implement after May 1st. Colorado State University Extension offices will maintain their own exam schedules and should be contacted directly. CDA has requested CSU provide a similar priority to applicators needing to license their business.

Until such time the Department can resume a full examination schedule, please keep in mind that unlicensed employees may be trained in-house as applicator technicians to continue providing necessary general use pesticide application services for your company. In addition, Qualified Supervisors can act as the Qualified Supervisor for more than one entity, up to the supervision limitations outlined in the Rules associated with the Pesticide Applicators' Act (Rule 2.12). Any person may request a list of licensed Qualified Supervisors if you wish to reach out to the industry to develop a supervisory relationship with your business. To request a list Qualified Supervisors that hold the Pest Management category you intend to do business in, email: CommercialApplicator@state.co.us.

Your cooperation and patience with this interruption in the Department's normal testing process is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the process or any concerns, please feel free to contact us at the numbers below.

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