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**BEGIN USING DOH CONSTRUCTION REVIEW SERVICES FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE PROCLAMATION**

Dear Administrator:

As we enter this new phase of the pandemic, the Department of Social and Health Services (department) is encouraging all facilities to review their use of COVID-19 construction related waivers. Proclamations [20.36](#) and [20.38](#) suspended the requirement for a licensee, applicant, or facility to work with the Department of Health (DOH) Construction Review Services (CRS) for preliminary inspection and approval or recommendations before starting alterations or additions to an existing facility, or new construction, as well as throughout the construction process. Proclamations [20.36](#) and [20.38](#) also suspended the requirement for a licensee, applicant, or facility to work with the DOH Certificate of Need (CON) program for construction, development or establishment of a nursing home, as well as for any increases in the number of licensed beds in a nursing home. These suspensions apply **only** to temporary increases in bed capacity and projects undertaken to provide surge capacity for COVID-19 response in Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facilities.

While proclamations 20.36 and 20.38 are still in place, the department is encouraging all licensees and applicants to immediately begin working with DOH CRS and DOH CON for all construction and CON related projects. This will allow facilities to get ahead of the rush once the proclamations are no longer in place. This will also ensure the facilities avoid any citations for failure to follow the requirements.

Click [here](#) to access proclamation 20.36. Click [here](#) to access Proclamation 20.38

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please send an email to RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Mike Anbesse, Director
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