

Coronavirus and the NYS CLE Office

Updated Dec. 17, 2020: Changes to CLE Program Format Restrictions in Response to COVID-19 Coronavirus Extended through June 30, 2021 & NYS CLE Board Staff Communications and Review of Applications

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Prior Updates:

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