

Coronavirus and the NYS CLE Office

Updated Oct. 5, 2021: Changes to CLE Program Format Restrictions in Response to COVID-19 Coronavirus Extended through June 30, 2022 & NYS CLE Board Staff Communications and Review of Applications

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Prior Updates:

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Extended through October 31, 2020 &
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- **New York State CLE Accredited Providers (Not Individual Course Providers):** NYS CLE Accredited Providers may offer CLE programs in the above-listed formats and the above-listed methods of participation, provided they do so in accordance with all applicable requirements set forth in the *Program Rules and Regulations*.