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## State Fire Marshal's Office Rescinds Most COVID-19 Temporary Agency Operations

**BATON ROUGE-** Following the latest public health emergency proclamation by Gov. John Bel Edwards, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) is informing the public about its return to conducting "business as usual," with a few exceptions.

- All SFM offices, including Headquarters in Baton Rouge, continue offering limited walk-in services to the public. Electronic communications for Plan Review, Inspections and Licensing, that ordinarily occur through the SFM's Information Management System (IMS), should continue and are encouraged.
- Non-critical annual, maintenance and licensing fire safety inspections, especially in healthcare facilities, are being scheduled once again. However, the following stipulations allow for continued postponement of these visits:
  - Active, Covid-positive individuals are present in a healthcare facility.
    - Please contact Lt. Bernadette Richard to discuss the option of a healthcare inspection still occurring in these circumstances. She can be reached at 225-454-9201 or [Bernadette.richard@la.gov](mailto:Bernadette.richard@la.gov).
  - Corporate policy still not allowing non-resident and non-employee entry.
- Training classes have returned virtually with some classes beginning to be scheduled for in-person instruction. Visit [lasfm.org](http://lasfm.org) for frequent, new additions to the training calendar.

For non-health care inspection requests, or updates to an already scheduled inspection, please visit the IMS section of our website, [lasfm.org](http://lasfm.org), or contact your closest regional office by phone. Contact information for our regional offices can be found in the "Contact Us" section at the bottom of our website [lasfm.org](http://lasfm.org). Feel free to reach out to our main phone switchboard line, 1-800-256-5452, for general inquiries. Office hours are between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The SFM appreciates the public's patience and cooperation with these operational changes to ensure the health and safety of your families and ours.