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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COmmissioner Nicole "Nikki" Fried

March 23, 2020

Dear Health Studio Owner:

Pursuant to Executive Order Number 20-71, gymnasiums and fitness centers are required to close effective March 20, 2020, through May 8, 2020, unless the order is extended. Gymnasiums and fitness centers that are amenities of hotels which have a capacity often persons or less, an amenity of a residential building, interior to any fire or police station, or are located in a single occupant office building are not required to close.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, the Small Business Administration is offering low-interest disaster loans to help businesses recover from this disaster. More information is available at <u>wvvw.sba.gov/disaster</u> or by calling (800) 659-2955.

If your license to operate as a health studio is due to renew in the next 60 days, please call us at (800) 435-7352 or (800) 352-9832 if you need assistance in completing your registration or to discuss your renewal options.

We encourage you to periodically check the Centers for Disease Control website at <u>www.CDC.gov</u> for updated guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. The severity of illness or how many people will fall ill from COVID-19 is unknown at this time, but if we work together, we can curb the spread of this disease and protect Florida residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

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Beth Evans

Chief, Bureau of Compliance

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