



**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH**

**Radiation Protection  
Guidance for  
COVID-19**

Tennessee Division of Radiological Health (TDRH) is aware of the stresses and burdens of COVID-19 on licensees and registrants. If your facility has identified a temporary need to change processes to protect staff and patients during this crisis which may be in conflict with the regulations, the Division will consider those needs on a case - by-case basis. Please submit those requests in writing via your normal communication channels to the agency.

Individual exemptions, exceptions or waivers to the rules will be considered as allowed for in Tennessee "State Regulations for Protection Against Radiation" 0400-20-05-.150. Despite the circumstances, licensees and registrants are expected to continue to use sources of radiation in a safe manner and secure them appropriately when not in use.

Radioactive material licensees should submit these requests to [Division.Radiological.Health@tn.gov](mailto:Division.Radiological.Health@tn.gov)

Registered X-ray facilities should submit these requests to [xray.registration@tn.gov](mailto:xray.registration@tn.gov) You may find some other useful information on our website <https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/rh-radiological-health1.html>

In addition, if at any time you purchase, lease or use a service provider to service your X-ray equipment, please ensure the service provider you choose is registered in Tennessee to provide those services. If a service provider needs to become registered to provide such services, the service provider should complete a registration form and submit it to the Division prior to providing services to a facility in Tennessee. The service providers list is located on the Division web page at:

[https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/environment/radiation/documents/rh\\_xray-installers-list.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/environment/radiation/documents/rh_xray-installers-list.pdf)

Many organizations are releasing official guidance for imaging studies and infection control considerations regarding COVID-19. Due to the rapidly changing environment, NCRP recommends licensees refer regularly to trusted sources for guidance.

The following resources may be helpful when making decisions regarding imaging appropriateness criteria and infection control within an imaging department. NCRP does not promote or endorse the organizations listed below, but is providing a link to their websites since information on the below-listed sites may provide helpful guidance and information to make informed decisions.

- American College of Radiology Recommendations for the use of Chest Radiography and Computed Tomography - [ACR-Position-Statements/Recommendations-for-Chest-Radiography-and-CT-for-Suspected-COVID19-Infection](#)
- Centers for Disease Control - [Guidance Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in Healthcare Settings](#)
- Radiological Society of North America: [Radiology Department Preparedness for COVID-19: Radiology Scientific Expert Panel](#)