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From: Acting Under Secretary for Health (10)

Subj: Temporary Moratorium for Non-COVID-19 Mandatory and Required Training

To: VHA Senior Leaders
Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) Directors (10N1-23)

1. Effective immediately, VHA is implementing a 120-day moratorium on mandatory and required training. VHA Central Office Program Offices and VA Medical Centers should exercise discretion on maintaining compliance with non-COVID-19 mandatory and required training in TMS for the next 120 days to allow the greatest focus on supporting COVID-19 efforts. Mandatory COVID-19 training is exempt and must be completed per assignment.
2. Learning leaders and training administrators have delegated authority to determine local mission critical training requirements to reduce training burden while being mindful of patient and employee safety. Learning leaders are advised to evaluate current TMS 2.0 training assignments and work with the Employee Education System (EES) TMS team to reduce the volume of automated assignments by inactivating assignment profiles at the highest organizational level for a period of 120 days. Program offices and facilities may elect to decline participation in the moratorium by providing their TMS Domain ID to the EES TMS team, Althea Burke, at althea.burke@va.gov.
3. For questions on this guidance, please contact VHA National Designated Learning Officer Coordinator, Cathy Johnson at Cathy.Johnson3@va.gov.



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