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**\*\*NOTICE\*\***

TO: ALL CERTIFIED BACKFLOW TECHNICIANS

FROM: GEOFFREY EATON

SUBJECT: CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

DATE: March 23, 2020

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On March 22, 2020, Director of the Ohio Department of Health Dr. Amy Acton issued a Stay at Home Order for the State of Ohio effective at 11:59 p.m. on March 23, 2020 (“Order”). The Order can be reviewed [here](#). To help contain the spread of COVID-19, many testing agencies in Ohio have temporarily closed. Without adequate training resources available, many backflow technicians have had difficulty completing the required education credits needed to renew their certification.

As a result of insufficient training resources, the Division will grant an extension to complete required continuing education hours until December 31, 2020 for those individuals who satisfy the following criteria:

1. Currently hold either a full backflow technician certification or a lawn and irrigation certification; and,
2. Are in good standing as of March 1, 2020; and,
3. Are current on all registration fees; and,
4. Need to fulfil required education hours between March 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020.

We will continue to keep you informed as any details might emerge that relate your backflow technician certification. For questions about this extension or for those having licenses that are nearing expiration, please email Lona Amorgianos at [BCCTrade@com.state.oh.us](mailto:BCCTrade@com.state.oh.us).

For more information on Ohio’s response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

Regards,

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