

The Board is continually monitoring the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation and recommends the licensees and permit holders follow recommendations of the President, Governor, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

The ADPH and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are providing updated information and guidance as it becomes available.

For the most current information regarding COVID-19, please visit:

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html>

As there has been nothing officially issued to require you to close your office the decision to remain open to continue to serve your patients is yours.

Be diligent in cleaning your rooms and equipment and add to your cleaning protocols in light of COVID-19. Inform your patients ahead of time that this may cause some minor delays.

While the Board does not require this, below are some suggestions for protecting your patients and making them feel more at ease while visiting your office.

- Recommend that any additional family member or visitor with them wait in the vehicle unless they are being seen as well.
- Ask the patient to wait in their vehicle until it is time for their visit. Inform them that your staff will call them when they should return.

The Board has received several inquiries regarding telehealth. The Board does not consider the below list to include our licensees. If the list changes we will update.

Medicare Telehealth Eligible Providers

- Physicians
- Nurse practitioners
- Physician assistants
- Nurse-midwives
- Clinical nurse specialists
- Certified registered nurse anesthetists
- Clinical psychologists (CP)
- Clinical social workers (CSWs) (NOTE: CPs and CSWs cannot bill Medicare for psychiatric diagnostic interview examinations with medical services or medical evaluation and management services. They cannot bill or get paid for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 90792, 90833, 90836, and 90838).
- Registered dietitians or nutrition professional

The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) has issued a statement affirming that doctors of chiropractic are essential healthcare providers, ready to serve their communities both in daily care and in times of urgent need.

Keep in mind that events are evolving and to consider this a living document that could change frequently as new information and new policies become available/are enacted. ASBCE will continue to make updates when they become available.