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### WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE #22

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Dear Licensee,

For our twenty-second Weekly Wednesday Update, we are focusing on staying diligent in prevention! Over the past few weeks we have received several questions related to returning to in person care. While providing in person care is not prohibited, you are reminded to stay diligent in your obligation as a healthcare provider to exercise preventive measures when seeing patients in person. As we continue in Phase II you are reminded that the Order issued by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Public Health ([LDH Order#2020-COVID-19-ALL-020](#)) is still in effect. This Order requires compliance with [CMS Recommendations on April 19, 2020](#) (or the most recent available) regarding Re-opening Facilities to Provide Non-emergent Non-COVID-19 Healthcare: Phase I. Remember to also consult your employer's policy on in person care and how to handle exposure. If you are the person responsible for developing such policies, we would encourage you to consult with an attorney to ensure your policy does not conflict with national, state, local or regional laws or guidelines. There are a multitude of resources available to you from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Federal Center for Disease Control. (CDC), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as well as the American Psychological Association, which have published guidance to healthcare providers on continuing in person care, prescreening, risk assessment, reporting, quarantine and returning to work following illness or exposure.

The LSBEP board members and staff also continue to be diligent in prevention and responding to COVID-19 in order to keep board operations flowing, processing your online and paper renewals, processing applications, and meeting via video conference to conduct oral exams, licensing and continue in its mission to protect the public from the unauthorized, unqualified and improper practice of psychology. Recently, the legislature passed [Act 302 of the 2020 Regular Session](#) to enable state agencies to meet in this manner during a declared state of emergency. This enables the board to meet via video conference to discuss matters that are directly related to the agency's response to the emergency; matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship; or matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the agency and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provision of the Public Meeting Laws due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body. Should you be inclined to join us and observe a board meeting, meeting times and agendas are posted on the "News & Events" page of our website. Information on how to join a meeting can be found on the posted agenda.

Please refer to our website homepage [WWW.LSBEP.ORG\HOME](http://WWW.LSBEP.ORG\HOME) for previously sent Weekly Wednesday Updates containing information and resources pertinent to your practice.

LSBEP again thanks Louisiana Psychologists for stepping up to the challenges in applying technology to deliver psychological services to their patients and clients safely, while respecting the health and well-being of their patients/clients, the people with whom they work, themselves, as well as the individuals who have no other choice but to be exposed to COVID19. Our Ethical Standards are established for the welfare and protection of the individuals and groups with whom psychologists work. Therefore, our charge is to think of others before ourselves and to consider all risks when determining how to provide vital care to our clients and patients. Emergency Orders and Proclamations from Federal, State and Local Governments impose stricter but necessary restrictions and guidelines impacting the delivery of psychological services for the time being. History will remember our actions or inactions at this time. Let us remember why we all chose this profession and be on the side of history that aligns with the health and well-being of all people.

Sincerely,

**LSBEP Executive Committee**

Amy Henke, Psy.D., Chairperson

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- Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists: **Submit in writing to:** LSBEP, 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., #C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816; [admin.lsbep@la.gov](mailto:admin.lsbep@la.gov); (225)295-8410
- Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives: **Submit to:** [H&GA@legis.la.gov](mailto:H&GA@legis.la.gov) or Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives, PO Box 44486, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225) 342-2403
- Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate: **Submit to:** [s&g@legis.la.gov](mailto:s&g@legis.la.gov) or Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate PO Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225)342-9845

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