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Dear License and Certificate Holders:

On behalf of the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board (OCDPB), I wanted to take a moment to give you a couple of informational updates during this uncertain time. Watch for continued updates on the home page of the OCDP [Board website](#) throughout this state of emergency. We encourage all Ohioans to follow all Ohio Department of Health (ODH) guidance issued during this crisis. As always, the Department of Health hotline, 1-833-4-ASK-ODH and [Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov](#) are great resources for those who have questions.

Contacting the Board Office: While we work remotely we are asking that you email info@ocdp.ohio.gov with questions, and the emails will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member. Individual staff members are also picking up their voice mail messages remotely. Staff may respond via private number, or through email, so please leave your name, license/certificate and number if you know it, and your email address on any voicemail. Currently we are having difficulty retrieving voicemails left on our main office line. Your patience is appreciated as response times may be delayed.

Telehealth: Currently, the OCDP Board does not preclude any type of its treatment licensees/certificate holders from providing telehealth services. Be advised that license/certificate holders should follow the OCDP Board website updates. Those providing telehealth services should be cautious of the following:

1. Follow all laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders.
2. Stay within the bounds of your scope of practice!
3. While the OCDP Board does not currently have a rule that addresses telehealth, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addition Services (OhioMHAS) has issued guidance that all CDCA, LCDC II and III and LICDC license/certificate holders should follow. *See* links to: Click [OhioMHAS guidance \(rule amendment\)](#) and [telehealth resources](#). Watch for updates directly through the [OhioMHAS website](#).
4. Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) rules must be followed for Medicaid billing. *See* links to: [Ohio Administrative Code 5160-8-05](#), ODM's [5160-1-21 Telehealth during a state of emergency](#) and its [appendix](#) (new rule), and [FAQ's](#). Watch for updates directly through the [ODM website](#).

Telesupervision: An emergency rule change is *in process* to allow the CDCA face to face supervision requirement to occur by teleconference or telephone. It is unclear at this time if the rule would be applied retroactively to the date of Governor Dewine's declared state of emergency, March 9, 2020. Please follow our [Board website](#) for updates.

Applications: The Board is accepting applications; however, all normal processing timeframe parameters have been lifted. Please expect a delay in processing of application but rest assured that they will process as soon as possible.

CEU Requirements for Renewals and Internships/Practicums: Additional, guidance is forthcoming. Please follow the [Board website](#) for updates.

IC & RC Testing: Currently has been suspended at all national test centers. Please see the information posted on our website and kindly email internationalcredentialing@wildapricot.org with any questions.

Trainings for CEUS: Sponsors and providers have been granted the option to arrange different training delivery methods to previously approved trainings/courses during the state of emergency. However, no changes to the course curriculum/content and no changes to the course presenters shall be made.

Ethic Grievances: The Board is accepting and processing grievances. Respondents should adhere to all responsive deadlines unless otherwise notified by the OCDP Board. To date, no hearings before the Board have been impact by the state of emergency. However, the scheduling of hearings going forward may be delayed.

Special Board Meeting: A special meeting of the board for the general purpose of addressing the state of emergency and related topics is forthcoming. This meeting will be by teleconference and will be an open meeting of the board. At the beginning of the meeting, there will be an opportunity for public comment. Please check our website for notice regarding the purpose, time, date, location (call-in information) as well as instructions on how to be recognized by the board for public comment.

I appreciate your patience as we work through this state of emergency together.

Sincerely,
Jill Smock
Executive Director
Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board