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## Memorandum

TO: Licensees and/or Applicants **EXCEPT** those in Jefferson County

FROM: Keith Warren, *Executive Director*

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Latest Update

Good Afternoon,

An updated health order has been issued today stating: "Effective today [Friday, March 20, 2020], all non-work related gatherings of 25 persons or more, or non-work related gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are prohibited. **Employers shall take all reasonable steps to meet these standards for employees and customers.**"

The six-foot distance between persons **does not** apply to the service provider (i.e. massage therapist) and their client. ADPH recommends limiting the number of patrons and staff to less than 25 people, social distancing, no walk-ins, services by appointment only, spacing patrons in waiting areas, and signs not to enter and to reschedule appointments if ill.

ADPH also recommends that all establishments follow the CDC's guidance for employers:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

**This health order is statewide EXCLUDING Jefferson County. For those in Jefferson County, massage establishments have been specifically prohibited from providing massage services. Please continuously check the Jefferson County Department of Public Health Website for updates regarding this order.**

<https://jcdh.org/SitePages/Misc/WelcomeFromHO.aspx>

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The Board appreciates your patience and understanding during these unique circumstances. We are working diligently to provide you with the latest, most accurate information available. ALMTBD is a professional licensing board and does not have the authority to make decisions regarding the status of your business during this pandemic, but we are actively spreading the guidelines and orders issued by the Governor and the Alabama Department of Public Health to ensure all of our licensees are informed.

Resources:

Our latest updates: <http://almtbd.alabama.gov/news.aspx>

Department of Labor News for Workers Impacted: <https://www.labor.alabama.gov/covid19resources.aspx>

Governor Kay Ivey's Latest News: <https://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/>

Alabama Department of Health's Latest News: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html>

CDC's Latest News: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

"Do Not Enter If You Think You Have The New Coronavirus" Poster:

<http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/assets/cov-donotenter-poster.pdf>