

Department of Health

Re-Open Florida Task Force Meeting: Florida's Health Care Practitioners



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Objectives

- Overview of Licensed Health Care Practitioners
- Strategies to Ensure Adequate Health Care Workforce During COVID-19 Response
- Factors for Consideration when Re-Opening Health Care Services
- Importance of Monitoring Resources and Planning for Potential Surge



Division of Medical Quality Assurance Overview

- Licenses and regulates 1,299,305 licensees from 42 health care professions
- Licenses and regulates seven types of facilities/establishments, totaling 24,602
- Works in conjunction with 22 boards and four advisory councils
- Oversees Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, E-FORSCE®.



Strategies to Ensure Adequate Health Care Workforce During COVID-19 Response

Issued By Governor DeSantis

- Executive Order 20-51
- Executive Order 20-52
- Executive Order 20-72
- Executive Order 20-80
- Executive Order 20-89

Issued by State Surgeon General

- Emergency Order 20-002
- Emergency Order 20-003
- Emergency Order 20-004



Strategies to Ensure Adequate Health Care Workforce During COVID-19 Response

- Temporary reactivations of inactive licenses pursuant to section 381.00315(1)(c)3, Florida Statutes, of:
 - medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, physician assistants, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, respiratory therapists, emergency medical technicians and paramedics
- Expedited licensure for essential health care practitioners



Factors for Consideration when Re-Opening Health Care Services

Do you have:

- Policies and procedures to protect patients and employees
- Adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) and the ability to maintain needed supply
- Staff who are trained on the appropriate level and wearing of PPE needed for your type of health care services



Factors for Consideration when Re-Opening Health Care Services

Do you have:

- Employees with up-to-date education and training on COVID-19 risk factors and protective behaviors
- Sick leave policies that are flexible and consistent with public health guidance
- Knowledge of the symptoms associated with COVID-19



Factors for Consideration when Re-Opening Health Care Services

Do you have:

- Contingency plan for a potential outbreak in your office
- Sufficient space and practices to ensure physical distance between employees and patients (i.e., scheduling and intake practices)
- Regular housekeeping practices, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces, equipment, and other elements of the work environment



Importance of Monitoring Resources and Planning for Potential Surge

- Have a comprehensive understanding of the plan adopted for the re-opening of Florida's economy
- Monitor available resources (i.e., workforce and PPE) and state's data regarding COVID-19, specifically in your geographic region
- Establish a surge plan with indicators that will assist you in determining the adequacy of your resources, such as PPE burn rate



Profession Resources

- American Dental Association (ADA): Coronavirus Center for Dentists
<https://success.ada.org/en/practice-management/patients/infectious-diseases-2019-novel-coronavirus>
- American College of Surgeons: COVID-19 and Surgery
<https://www.facs.org/covid-19/clinical-guidance>
- CDC: Re-Opening Businesses with Workers at Risk for Serious Illness
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/fs-reopening-america-workers-at-risk.pdf>



Resources Continued

- CMS: Recommendations for Re-Opening Facilities to Provide Non-Emergent Non-COVID-19 Healthcare
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-flexibility-reopen-essential-non-covid-services.pdf>
- OSHA: Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>
- American Massage Therapy Association: COVID-19 Resources for Massage Therapists
<https://www.amtamassage.org/about/news/covid-19-resources-for-massage-therapists/>



Resources Continued

- Florida Medical Association: Coronavirus Resource Center
https://www.flmedical.org/florida/Florida_Public/Resources/Coronavirus/Coronavirus.aspx



Thank You

The Department of Health is grateful to all of the health care practitioners and their families who are serving our state during this pandemic.

