

# ABPT COVID-19 STATEMENT

On June 30, 2020, the he Governor amended the issued [Safer at Home](#) order to extend through July 31, 2020. The Alabama Board of Physical Therapy continues to make the following recommendations.

## **To all patients receiving physical therapy services in the State of Alabama:**

1. *Tell your healthcare provider if you suspect that you or anyone you have been in contact with has been diagnosed with COVID-19.*
2. *Wash your hands thoroughly before and after you receive treatment.*
3. *Ask your provider if he/she can provide treatment in a large, well ventilated area, and how many other persons will be in the clinic at the same time.*
4. *Ask your healthcare provider what their protocol is for screening the health of employees and how often it is done.*
5. *Ask your provider if you are a candidate to receive services via audio or video technology visits during the statewide order to remain at home.*
6. *Discuss with your therapist the goals of your treatment plan, and thoughtfully plan how you can meet your healthcare goals during this difficult period.*

## **To all Practitioners providing physical therapy services in the State of Alabama:**

1. *Telehealth services may be provided in Alabama. All ethical and scope of practice guidelines apply in telehealth the same as face to face. ([Minimum Best Practices](#))*
2. *A physical therapy provider must be licensed in Alabama to provide services to patients in Alabama.*
3. *Physical Therapy providers are encouraged to call insurance providers for details of reimbursement of services provided via telehealth during the COVID-19 crisis. The Board does not involve itself with issues of reimbursement.*

The Alabama Board of Physical Therapy recommends all Practitioners follow the guidance provided by the CDC's guidelines at: [CDC.gov Coronavirus](#)

Additional information for the therapists in a home treatment setting is provided by [Healthcare Provider Services Organization](#)

In the months ahead as we navigate through the COVID-19 crisis, we encourage all Practitioners to rely upon your education and training while we all work through this situation.

Be strong, be smart, be safe,

## Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

