

Statement from the SC Board of Chiropractic Examiners on Current Public Health Emergency

The Board's top priority is the safety of our licensees and other members of the public. During the current public health emergency, the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation is working closely with state officials regarding the recent travel restrictions and state closure.

At this time, the public is restricted from entering the LLR Kingstree Building. However, the Board staff is working remotely and will assist you as quickly as they can. All non-essential meetings are being cancelled through March 31, 2020. Licensees and other members of the public that need assistance are encouraged to visit the Board's website at www.llr.sc.gov or contact the Board's office at 803-896-4587 or email to contact.chiro@llr.sc.gov.

Chiropractors are not required to close or cease operations at this time, but all offices are expected to increase measures to sanitize and clean all surfaces that patients might come in contact with as well as practice appropriate social distancing guidelines for doctors, staff, patients and visitors.

Contagious and Infectious Diseases. In all cases of known or suspected contagious or infectious diseases occurring within this State, the attending practitioner shall report such disease to the county health department within twenty-four (24) hours, stating the name and address of the patient and the nature of the disease. The SC Department of Health and Environmental Control shall designate the diseases it considers contagious and infectious.

During the current public health emergency, the Board has identified several resources it believes may be useful during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic:

Resources

CDC: What Healthcare Providers Should Know Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Possible COVID-19 Infection?

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/caring-for-patients.html>

South Carolina Department of Health COVID-19 Information:

<https://scdhec.gov/health/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

Continuing Education:

The requirement for continuing education remains in place regarding online and seat-time hours. Currently, of the 36 required hours, 18 hours can be obtained online with a minimum of 18 hours required to be obtained in a face-to-face setting. In light of the current dangers posed by person-to-person interaction, the SC Board of Chiropractic

Examiners will accept any live-streamed rendition of a prior-approved continuing education program to meet the face-to-face requirements.

Of the 36 hours, 2 hours must be a review of SC Rules and Regulations and 2 hours must be in a risk management topic. License renewals are due September 30, 2020.

The Board will continue to monitor the recommendations for meeting sizes and closures that may affect organizational seminars, meetings, and institutional gatherings. The Board will consider changes in the future if the need arises related to continuing education.

Advertisements:

All licensees are reminded that advertisements must be factual and must avoid making misleading statements or guarantees for immunity against the flu or corona virus. Please see S.C. Regulations 25-8 for Advertising and Solicitation at the link below.

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/Chapter%2025.pdf>