

State Guidelines for Re-Opening a Medical Office

As states strive to return to normalcy, many have issued guidelines for the safe reopening of businesses in general, and in some instances have issued specific guidance for medical practices. The following is a compilation of what we've found thus far. Where available, the dates of the publications have been included. Please be aware that as circumstances change (for better or for worse) the guidance of individual states may also change. This information should be viewed as a starting point only.

Alabama

Re-Open Alabama Phase I (Published April 2020)

<https://ltgov.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Reopening-Alabama-Responsibility-Phase-1.pdf>

Alaska

COVID -19 Health Mandate (Published June 1, 2020)

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/06032020-COVID-MANDATE-015.pdf>

Arkansas

Directive for Hospitals, Clinics, and Mental Health Facilities (3/20/2020)

https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/Directive_03.19.2020_final.pdf

COVID-19 Guidance for Day Treatment Facilities in Behavioral Health (4/7/2020)

https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/BehavioralHealthAdult_DayFacility_ADH_DHS_Final4.8.20.pdf

California

California Medical Association – Best Practices for Reopening a Medical Practice

<https://www.cmadoocs.org/Portals/CMA/files/public/CMA%20COVID-19%20Best%20Practices%20for%20Reopening.pdf>

Colorado

Re-Opening Your Medical Practice: A Primer for Colorado Physicians (May 14, 2020)

<http://cms.org/reopening.pdf>

Connecticut

Frequently Asked Questions on the State of Connecticut's actions related to COVID-19 (6/30/2020)

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/COVID-19-FAQs.pdf>

Delaware

Re-opening Your Medical Practice as the State Re-Opens the Economy (May 2020)

<https://www.medicalsocietyofdelaware.org/DELAWARE/assets/files/coronavirus/Resuming%20Your%20Medical%20Practice%205-6-20.pdf>

Indiana

ISMA Safe Return to Clinical Practice Recommendations (5/6/20)

https://www.ismanet.org/pdf/ISMA_SafeReturntoClinicalPractice_5-6-20.pdf

Kansas

Guidance for Behavioral Health Professionals During COVID-19 (4/30/2020)

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1003/Guidance-for-Behavioral-Health-Professionals-During-COVID-19-PDF---4-30-20>

Outpatient Clinic Toolkit

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/170/Healthcare-Providers>

Louisiana

Healthcare Facility Notice/Order Notice #2020-COVID19-ALL-020 (6/4/2020)

<http://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Rulemaking/er/LDHUPDATEMEMO6420Surgical.pdf>

Maine

COVID-19 Guidance for Health Care Providers (5/12/2020)

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/documents/coronavirus/COVID-19-Guidance-for-Health-Care-Providers-051220.pdf>

Maryland

COVID- 19 Resource Guide for Primary Care Practices

<https://health.maryland.gov/mdpcp/Documents/COVID-19%20Checklist.pdf>

Michigan

LARA Outpatient Health Care Facilities - Ambulatory Care Settings Safe Start Guidance (6/1/2020)

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/LARA_SafeStart_Guidance_Outpatient_Health_Care_Facilities_-_Ambulatory_Care_Settings_05-28-2020_692225_7.pdf

LARA FAQs - Safe Start for Health Care (6/16/2020)

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/LARA_Safe_Start_Outpatient_Health_Care_Facilities_FAQs_6.16.20_Updated_693908_7.pdf;

Montana

Montana Reopening the Big Sky Phased Approach

<https://covid19.mt.gov/Portals/223/Documents/Reopening%20Montana%20Phased%20Approach.pdf?ver=2020-04-22-115707-770>

Mississippi

State Health Officer's Order – COVID 19 Outpatient Medical Services and Elective Surgery

<https://www.msbl.ms.gov/sites/default/files/news/MSDH-ReturnToWorkOrder.pdf>

New Mexico

Resumption of Non-Emergent and Medically Necessary Care and Procedures: Medical Offices

https://d1a8dioxuajls.cloudfront.net/accounts/14766/original/2020_4_28_NMMATAssessmentResumptionServicesMedicalOffices2020_04_28.pdf?158

New York

MSSNY Interim Guidance for Reopening the Health Care System & Best Practices for Reopening From Covid-19 (Published May 1, 2020)

<http://www.mssnyenews.org/covid-19/guidelines-and-recommendations-for-reopening-the-health-care-system-best-practices-for-reopening-from-covid-19/>

North Carolina

Interim Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Guidance for Outpatient and Crisis Behavioral Health/IDD System Providers (March 20, 2020)

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/healthcare/NC-Interim-Guidance-for-BHIDD-Outpatient-and-Crisis-System-Providers-3-20-20-Final.pdf>

Behavioral Health/IDD Day Program and Facility-Based Crisis Guidance (June 10, 2020)

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/healthcare/Behavioral-Health-IDD-Day-Program-and-Facility-Based-Crisis-Guidance.pdf>

North Dakota

ND Smart Restart Guidance for Employers (6/17/2020)

https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/coronavirus/ND_Smart_Restart_Workplace_Screening_and_Guidance_for_Employees.pdf

Oregon

Guidance on Resumption of Non-Emergent and Elective Procedures in Medical and Dental Offices, and Other Health Care Settings (4/29/2020)

<https://sharesystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2322s.pdf>;

Oregon General Guidance for Employers on COVID-19 (6/5/2020)

<https://www.oregon.gov/omb/Topics-of-Interest/Documents/OHA%20General%20Guidance%20for%20Employers%20on%20COVID-19.pdf>

Pennsylvania

Guidelines for Reopening the Health Care System

<https://www.pamedsoc.org/education-cme/public-health/covid/reopening-office>

Guidance on COVID-19 for Health Care Providers in Pennsylvania

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Guidance/Health-Care-Provider-Guidance.aspx>

Rhode Island

Reopening RI

<https://reopeningri.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/HHS-guidance-illustrations-for-providers.pdf?189db0&189db0>

South Carolina

DHEC COVID-19 Re-Opening Guidance for Businesses (4/24/2020)

https://sccommerce.com/sites/default/files/2020-04/DHEC%20Employer%20Return%20to%20Work%20Guidance_4.24.20.pdf

Tennessee

Office of the Governor General Guidelines for Businesses <https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/general-guidelines-for-businesses.html>

Office of the Governor Office Building Guidelines <https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/office-guidelines.html>

Texas

Texas Medical Association's Guide for Reopening Your Practice

<https://www.texmed.org/TexasMedicineDetail.aspx?id=53516>

Texas Medical Association - Practice Viability

<https://www.texmed.org/practiceviability/>

Utah

Utah.gov Workplace Resources

<https://coronavirus.utah.gov/business/workplace-resources/>

Phased Guidelines for the General Public and Businesses to Maximize Public Health and Economic Reactivation Version 4.1

<https://www.utahmed.org/docs/COVID/Phased%20Guidelines.pdf>

Vermont

Vermont Department of Health - Resuming Outpatient Services: Clinic Visits, Diagnostic Imaging, and Limited Outpatient Surgeries and Procedures (5/15/2020)

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/Phase-One-Openings-Outpatient-Procedures.pdf>

Vermont Department of Health - Outpatient Services: Clinic Visits, Diagnostic Imaging, and Limited Outpatient Surgeries and Procedures (5/22/2020)

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/Phase-2-Outpatient-Procedures.pdf>

Virginia

Virginia Governor's Office – Safer at Home: Phase Three Guidelines for all Business Sectors

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Forward-Virginia-Phase-Three-Guidelines.pdf>

Washington

Office of the Governor Safe Start Washington: A Phased Approach to Recovery (5/4/2020)

https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartWA_4May20_1pm.pdf

West Virginia

West Virginia Board of Medicine Guidance and Best Practices for the Safe Resumption of Practice for Board of Medicine Licensees

<https://wvbom.wv.gov/article.asp?id=81&action2=showArticle&ty=CTTS>