

## **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**

Safer-at-Home Order (Published March 4, 2021)

<https://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2021/03/Safer-at-Home-Order-3.4.21-FINAL.pdf>

### **Alaska**

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

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

### **Arizona**

Requirements for Businesses

[https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/requirements\\_for\\_businesses\\_0.pdf](https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/requirements_for_businesses_0.pdf)

### **Arkansas**

Business Guidance during COVID-19 Pandemic (Published February 26, 2021)

[https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/Business\\_GuidanceFinal3.12.21.pdf](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/Business_GuidanceFinal3.12.21.pdf)

Guidelines for Psychological Routine Care Reopening (Modified September 2, 2020)

[https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/guidance\\_psychology.pdf](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/guidance_psychology.pdf)

Return to Work Guidance for COVID-19 Infected/Exposed Healthcare Personnel

<https://files.constantcontact.com/7de60df4001/af4e1bb2-657c-4212-acf1-c949a621fa5b.pdf>

### **California**

California Medical Association — “Best Practices for Reopening a Medical Practice” (Revised April 27, 2020)

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

California Medical Association — “Reopening a Medical Practice During COVID-19” (Free Webinar) (Published April 30, 2020)

[https://www.cmadoes.org/store/info/productcd/CMA20\\_0430\\_COVID19/t](https://www.cmadoes.org/store/info/productcd/CMA20_0430_COVID19/t)

## **Colorado**

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

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

Dial Guidance for Mental Health Professionals (Updated March 18, 2021)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rgYDKDLO4A0nGnuag\\_588VAoZ-7itD-WUfYmAb0UIkQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rgYDKDLO4A0nGnuag_588VAoZ-7itD-WUfYmAb0UIkQ/edit)

## **Connecticut**

Frequently Asked Questions on the State of Connecticut’s actions related to COVID-19 (Updated June 30, 2020)

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

Return-to-Work Guidance for Healthcare Workers and First Responders during the COVID-19 Pandemic (Updated November 24, 2020)

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DPH/HAI/COVID19-Provider-Memo-RTW\\_11242020.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DPH/HAI/COVID19-Provider-Memo-RTW_11242020.pdf)

## **District of Columbia**

ReOpen DC — Phase II — Guidance for Hospitals and Health Systems (June 26, 2020)

[https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/DCHA/751f0cb7-ab59-4ad3-8e48-c9a6ec516cea/UploadedImages/Documents/6\\_26\\_20\\_ReOpen\\_DC\\_Phase\\_II\\_-\\_final\\_200629.pdf](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/DCHA/751f0cb7-ab59-4ad3-8e48-c9a6ec516cea/UploadedImages/Documents/6_26_20_ReOpen_DC_Phase_II_-_final_200629.pdf)

Phase Two: COVID-19: Sample Health Screening Tool

[https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page\\_content/attachments/DC\\_Health\\_COVID-19\\_Sample%20Screening%20Tool\\_9-29-2020.pdf](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/DC_Health_COVID-19_Sample%20Screening%20Tool_9-29-2020.pdf)

Human Services, Social Services, and Health Committee: COVID-19 Staging Recommendations

[https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page\\_content/attachments/05.%20Human%20Services,%20Social%20Services,%20and%20Health%20Summary.pdf](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/05.%20Human%20Services,%20Social%20Services,%20and%20Health%20Summary.pdf)

## **Delaware**

Medical Society of Delaware's COVID-19 FAQs (Updated May 5, 2020)

<https://www.medicalsocietyofdelaware.org/DELAWARE/assets/files/Coronavirus/DPH%20Calls%20FAQ%20Updated%205-5-2020.pdf>

DPH Guidance for Management of Persons with Suspected COVID-19 Exposure, Discontinuation of Home Isolation and Return of Work (Updated July 21, 2020)

[https://www.medicalsocietyofdelaware.org/DELAWARE/assets/files/Coronavirus/7.27.20%20Return%20to%20Work\\_RTW\\_Guidance%20final.pdf](https://www.medicalsocietyofdelaware.org/DELAWARE/assets/files/Coronavirus/7.27.20%20Return%20to%20Work_RTW_Guidance%20final.pdf)

## **Florida**

Florida Medical Association, Reopening Your Medical Practice: Primer for Florida Physicians (May 6, 2020)

[https://www.flmedical.org/florida/Florida\\_Public/Docs/Coronavirus/Reopen-Primer.pdf](https://www.flmedical.org/florida/Florida_Public/Docs/Coronavirus/Reopen-Primer.pdf)

## **Georgia**

Georgia Department of Community Health, Resources for Reopening Non-Emergency Healthcare Facilities (June 9, 2020)

<https://dch.georgia.gov/announcement/2020-06-09/facilities-reopening-resources>

## **Hawaii**

Reopening Guidelines to Providers and Stakeholders for Behavioral Health and Homelessness Services (June 15, 2020)

<https://health.hawaii.gov/bhhsurg/files/2020/05/Reopening-Guidelines-200615.pdf>

## **Idaho**

Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Guidelines for Behavioral Health during the COVID Crisis (April 2020)

<https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/DBH-COVID-GUIDANCE-FV-4.28.pdf>

## **Illinois**

Restore Illinois: Offices Guidelines (May 24, 2020)

<https://dceocovid19resources.com/assets/Restore-Illinois/businessguidelines3/offices.pdf>

## **Indiana**

ISMA (Indiana State Medical Association) Safe Return to Clinical Practice Recommendations (Updated May 6, 2020)

[https://www.ismanet.org/pdf/ISMA\\_SafeReturntoClinicalPractice\\_5-6-20.pdf](https://www.ismanet.org/pdf/ISMA_SafeReturntoClinicalPractice_5-6-20.pdf)

## **Iowa**

Iowa Department of Public Health, Public Health COVID-19 Reopening Guidance (May 13, 2020)

[https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/61/covid19/resources/IDPH%20Reopening%20Guidance%205\\_12\\_20.pdf](https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/61/covid19/resources/IDPH%20Reopening%20Guidance%205_12_20.pdf)

## **Kansas**

Guidance for Behavioral Health Professionals During COVID-19 (April 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>

## **Kentucky**

Complete Healthcare Reopening Orders

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/CompleteHealthcareReopeningOrders.pdf>

## **Louisiana**

[https://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Coronavirus/resources/obh/Communication\\_to\\_MHR\\_Providers\\_31820.pdf](https://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Coronavirus/resources/obh/Communication_to_MHR_Providers_31820.pdf)

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

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

Open Safely: Register to Receive Notifications and Guidance Documents

<https://opensafely.la.gov/>

## **Maine**

COVID-19 Guidance for Health Care Providers (May 12, 2020)

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

General Guidance: COVID-19 Prevention Checklist: Industry Guidance (Updated March 12, 2021)

<https://www.maine.gov/decd/checklists/general-guidance>

## **Maryland**

COVID- 19 Resource Guide for Primary Care Practices

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

General Business Best Practices

<https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/BusinessResource/General-Business-COVID-19-Best-Practices.pdf>

FAQ Regarding COVID-19 Related Executive Orders (May 7, 2020)

<https://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/05072020ExecOrderFAQs.pdf>

## **Maryland**

Directive and Order Regulating Certain Businesses and Facilities & General Directives Concerning Limiting the Spread of COVID-19 (March 9, 2021)

<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/2021.03.09.01%20-%20MDH%20Order%20-%20General%20Directives%20Regarding%20Certain%20Businesses%20and%20Facilities.pdf>

## **Massachusetts**

Reopening Health and Human Services in Massachusetts

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/reopening-health-and-human-services-in-massachusetts>

Phase 4 Reopening Guidance - Massachusetts Department of Public Health Guidance Reopen Approach for Health Care Providers (March 23, 2021)

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-4-reopening-guidance-massachusetts-department-of-public-health-guidance-reopen-approach-for-health-care-providers>

## **Michigan**

COVID-19 Workplace Requirements (Presentation Slides)

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/leo/COVID-19\\_Workplace\\_Guidelines\\_for\\_Outpatient\\_Healthcare\\_Facilities\\_691894\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/leo/COVID-19_Workplace_Guidelines_for_Outpatient_Healthcare_Facilities_691894_7.pdf)

LARA FAQs - Safe Start for Health Care (June 1, 2020)

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/LARA\\_Safe\\_Start\\_Outpatient\\_Health\\_Care\\_Facilities\\_FAQs\\_05-28-2020\\_692220\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/LARA_Safe_Start_Outpatient_Health_Care_Facilities_FAQs_05-28-2020_692220_7.pdf)

COVID-19 MIOSHA Emergency Rules

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/leo/Emergency\\_Rules\\_10.14\\_705109\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/leo/Emergency_Rules_10.14_705109_7.pdf)

Re-opening checklist

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/leo/Workplace\\_Guidelines-Reopening\\_Checklist\\_692021\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/leo/Workplace_Guidelines-Reopening_Checklist_692021_7.pdf)

Top 10 Tips for Reopening your Medical Office During COVID-19 (April, 29, 2020)

<https://www.msms.org/About-MSMS/News-Media/the-doctors-company-top-10-tips-for-reopening-your-medical-office-during-covid-19>

## **Minnesota**

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan Template and Instructions

[https://www.dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID\\_19\\_business\\_plan\\_template.pdf](https://www.dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID_19_business_plan_template.pdf)

## **Mississippi**

State Health Officer's Order – COVID 19 Outpatient Medical Services and Elective Surgery (April 24, 2020)

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

State Health Officer's Order – COVID 19 State Health Officer Order for Outpatient and Inpatient Medical Services (June 1, 2020)

[https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/resources/8647.pdf](https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/8647.pdf)

## **Missouri**

Health Care Providers

<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/professionals.php#collapseTwo>

## **Montana**

State of Montana Coronavirus Phase One Reopening FAQ

[https://covid19.mt.gov/\\_docs/FAQ%20Phase%201%20Approved%20May%2021,%202020.pdf](https://covid19.mt.gov/_docs/FAQ%20Phase%201%20Approved%20May%2021,%202020.pdf)

## **Nebraska**

Guidance for Behavioral Health Workforce — COVID-19 FAQ (June 12, 2020)

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/COVID-19-Guidance-for-Behavioral-Health-Workforce-FAQ.pdf>

## **Nevada**

Interim Healthcare Facility Preparedness Checklist for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCov) (January 31, 2020)

[http://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Programs/OPHIE/dta/Hot\\_Topics/NV-DHHS-DPBH-OPHIE\\_HealthcareFacilityPreparednessChecklistNovelCoronavirus\\_200131.pdf](http://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Programs/OPHIE/dta/Hot_Topics/NV-DHHS-DPBH-OPHIE_HealthcareFacilityPreparednessChecklistNovelCoronavirus_200131.pdf)

## **New Hampshire**

Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Provider Frequently Asked Questions (December 10, 2020)

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/provider-faq.pdf>

## **New Jersey**

COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Resources

[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID19\\_healthcare.imm.resources.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID19_healthcare.imm.resources.pdf)

## **New Mexico**

New Mexico Reopening Plan Preview (April 30, 2020)

[https://d1a8dioxuajlzs.cloudfront.net/accounts/14766/original/2020\\_4\\_30\\_Plan\\_Preview\\_4.30.20.pdf?1588346108](https://d1a8dioxuajlzs.cloudfront.net/accounts/14766/original/2020_4_30_Plan_Preview_4.30.20.pdf?1588346108)

Resumption of Non-Emergent and Medically Necessary Care and Procedures: Medical Offices (April 28, 2020)

[https://d1a8dioxuajlzs.cloudfront.net/accounts/14766/original/2020\\_4\\_28\\_NMMATAssessmentResumptionServicesMedicalOffices2020\\_04\\_28.pdf?1588354351](https://d1a8dioxuajlzs.cloudfront.net/accounts/14766/original/2020_4_28_NMMATAssessmentResumptionServicesMedicalOffices2020_04_28.pdf?1588354351)

## **New York**

Medical Society of the State of NY— Interim Guidance for Reopening the Health Care System & Best Practices for Reopening from COVID-19 (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://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/246/open>

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

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/232/open>

## **North Dakota**

ND Smart Restart Guidance (January 7, 2021)

<https://ndresponse.gov/sites/www/files/documents/covid-19/ND%20Smart%20Restart/Additional%20Resources/NDSmartRestartPlan.pdf>

COVID-19 FAQs

[https://ndresponse.gov/covid-19-resources/covid-19-faqs?field\\_faq\\_category\\_target\\_id=55](https://ndresponse.gov/covid-19-resources/covid-19-faqs?field_faq_category_target_id=55)

Standards for all Industries (January 7, 2021)

<https://ndresponse.gov/sites/www/files/documents/covid-19/ND%20Smart%20Restart/Standards%20for%20all%20Industries.pdf>

## **Ohio**



Responsible RestartOhio – A Guide for Health Care

**<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/RestartOhio-Health-Care-Guide.pdf>**

Healthcare Procedures & Hospitals COVID-19 Checklist (May 1, 2020)

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/checklists/english-checklists/healthcare-procedures-hospitals-covid-19-checklist>

## **Oklahoma**

COVID-19 Guidance for Health Care Providers (April 27, 2020)

[https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/covid19/images/041520\\_-\\_coronavirus\\_guidance\\_for\\_health\\_care\\_providers-eng.pdf](https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/covid19/images/041520_-_coronavirus_guidance_for_health_care_providers-eng.pdf)

## **Oregon**

Oregon's Medical Board: COVID:

<https://www.oregon.gov/omb/Topics-of-Interest/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>

COVID-19 Healthcare Partner Resources (Scroll down to "For Oregon Healthcare Personnel, Partners, and Local Public Health" on website)

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/covid19/Pages/Healthcare-Partners.aspx>

Oregon Health Authority, "Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance for Health Care Offices" (July 22, 2020)

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/1e2351m.pdf>

Clinical Care, and Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for COVID-19 (Updated January 22, 2021)

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/1e2288J.pdf>

Oregon General Guidance for Employers on COVID-19 (June 5, 2020)

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

Oregon Health Authority, "Sector Guidance — General Guidance for Employers and Organizations" (January 29, 2021)

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/1e2342C.pdf>

## **Pennsylvania**

Guidelines for Maintaining Health Care Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic

<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: Healthcare and Human Services

<https://reopeningri.com/healthcare-human-services>

Reopening RI: Providers Guidance Illustrations

[https://reopeningri.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/RICC-Commerce-Reopening-RI-Guides-Illustrations\\_Hospital-Dentist-Doctor-Waiting-Room\\_Providers\\_November-24.pdf](https://reopeningri.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/RICC-Commerce-Reopening-RI-Guides-Illustrations_Hospital-Dentist-Doctor-Waiting-Room_Providers_November-24.pdf)

## **South Carolina**

DHEC COVID-19 Re-Opening Guidance for Businesses (April 24, 2020)

[https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/COVID19\\_DHEC\\_Employer\\_Return\\_to\\_Work%20Guidance-4.24.20.pdf](https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/COVID19_DHEC_Employer_Return_to_Work%20Guidance-4.24.20.pdf)

## **South Dakota**

SD Guidance for Healthcare Providers

<https://doh.sd.gov/COVID/Providers/>

## **Tennessee**

Tennessee Pledge: Guidelines

[https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/governorsoffice-documents/covid-19-assets/Pledge\\_General.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/governorsoffice-documents/covid-19-assets/Pledge_General.pdf)

Office of the Governor: Office Building Guidelines

<https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/office-guidelines.html>

Tennessee Medical Association: Return to Practice

[https://www.tnmed.org/TMA/News\\_and\\_Media/News/Return\\_to\\_Practice.aspx](https://www.tnmed.org/TMA/News_and_Media/News/Return_to_Practice.aspx)

## **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/>

COVID-19 Business Packet

[https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/business/COVID-19\\_Business\\_Packet\\_FIN.pdf](https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/business/COVID-19_Business_Packet_FIN.pdf)

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 (May 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 (December 11, 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-2-24-21.pdf>

## **Washington**

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

[https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartWA\\_4May20\\_1pm.pdf](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 (April 29, 2020)

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

## **Wisconsin**

General Guidance for All Businesses

<https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/COVID-19-GENERAL-Guidelines-ENGLISH-9.22.20.pdf>

Health Care Providers

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/providers.htm>

## **Wyoming**

COVID-19: Guidance from the Wyoming Department of Health on Resuming Elective and Non-emergency Procedures (April 24, 2020)

[https://health.wyo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID19-WDH-Guidance-on-Elective-Procedures\\_4.24.20.pdf](https://health.wyo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID19-WDH-Guidance-on-Elective-Procedures_4.24.20.pdf)