

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Notice:

The Arizona Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) remains focused on its mission to protect the public health and welfare. Accordingly, the Board recommends that its licensees understand and comply with Governor Ducey's current, and any future, directives to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus in Arizona and nationally.

Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-12 states in part, "... An essential function is defined as one specifically identified as such or that promotes the public health, safety and welfare of the state or assists others in fulfilling such functions. ... This includes doctors, nurses, and any other classification of medical personnel necessary to operate those functions ..."

Additionally, the Governor's Executive Order 2020-15, which specifically includes chiropractors as covered providers, declares that "... beginning on March 25, 2020 and continuing for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, ... all health insurance plans regulated by the Arizona Department of Insurance are required ... to provide coverage for all healthcare services that are provided through telemedicine if the healthcare service would be covered were it provided through an in-person visit between the enrollee and a healthcare provider."

Further, the Board encourages everyone to routinely check for updates at, and to follow the guidelines published by:

- Arizona Department of Health Services, <https://www.azdhs.gov/index.php>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- World Health Organization, <https://www.who.int/>

Please Note:

- According to the World Federation of Chiropractic (see: https://www.wfc.org/website/images/wfc/Latest_News_and_Features/Coronavirus_statement_2020_03_26.pdf), "Chiropractors should refrain from any communication that suggests spinal adjustment/manipulation may protect patients from contracting COVID-19 or will enhance their recovery. Doing otherwise is potentially dangerous to public health."
- Any Doctor of Chiropractic in the State of Arizona who elects to voluntarily close their office during this Healthcare Emergency must remain in compliance with all laws and rules regarding patient abandonment.
- In keeping with the Governor's initiative, the Board's office is operating with a reduced on-premises staff while others telework.