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## Memorandum

TO: Licensees and/or Applicants

FROM: Keith Warren, *Executive Director*

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Latest Update

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Good Afternoon,

Today, April 28, 2020, Governor Kay Ivey has released a new Safer At Home Order which extends the closure of massage services and businesses until May 15. Medically prescribed massage services are exempt from this closure.

Exert of Kay Ivey's new order:

**"7. Higher-risk businesses and activities. Effective March 28, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., and notwithstanding any other provision of this order, the following businesses, venues, and activities shall be closed to non-employees or not take place: . . . . c. Close-contact service providers as follows: . . . . (vii) Massage therapy establishments and services (other than for medically prescribed services) . . . . 14. Duration. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until 5:00 P.M. on May 15, 2020. Prior to 5:00 P.M. on May 15, 2020, a determination shall be made whether to extend this Order—or, if circumstances permit, to relax this Order."**

The Board appreciates your patience and understanding during these unique circumstances. We are working diligently to provide you with the latest, most accurate information available. ALMTBD is a professional licensing board and does not have the authority to make decisions regarding the status of your business during this pandemic, but we are actively spreading the guidelines and orders issued by the Governor and the Alabama Department of Public Health to ensure all of our licensees are informed.

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You can view the full order here: <https://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/2020/04/governor-ivey-issues-safer-at-home-order/>

Resources:

Our latest updates: <http://almtbd.alabama.gov/news.aspx>

Department of Labor News for Workers Impacted: <https://www.labor.alabama.gov/covid19resources.aspx>

Governor Kay Ivey's Latest News: <https://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/>

Alabama Department of Health's Latest News: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html>

CDC's Latest News: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

"Do Not Enter If You Think You Have The New Coronavirus" Poster:

<http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/assets/cov-donotenter-poster.pdf>