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RE: Massage Therapy COVID-19 Operational Guidelines Update

Governor Kay Ivey announced an amended health order today to include massage therapy establishment and services under the guidelines outlined within the order. You have already received that information from an update we released earlier today. We are pleased with this announcement and hoping that everyone can re-open their businesses and provide the therapeutic services that everyone needs during these stressful times.

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy is a member of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, and they have worked diligently in creating a Task Force that encompasses members of the profession from CDC staff, corporate spas, small business spas, individual massage therapists, massage therapy educators, hospital and medical professionals to develop guidelines for each state to adopt for their regulatory practices during this COVID-19 Pandemic. The date of release is approximately May 15, 2020, and the Board will hold an emergency meeting to review these guidelines. There are several links and documents on our website (<http://almtbd.alabama.gov/news.aspx>) to provide guidance as you reopen your businesses and provide massage therapy services.

The Board and staff continue to work to provide updates, information and guidelines for you to reopen your businesses safely, while protecting you and your clients. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance at any time. We do appreciate your patience during the constant changes we have experienced during this Pandemic and the orders and directives from Governor Ivey and State Health Officer Dr. Harris.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith E. Warren", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director