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Dear fellow Chiropractic Physicians of Alaska:

I hope all of you are doing well and rebounding out of the COVID-19 event with health, success, and new opportunities for the future. To this point our profession has been a shining light of working with and around COVID-19 without passing it on. Keep up the dedicated care of your patients and communities!

As we live, work, and recreate in a world riddled by COVID-19, undoubtedly it will reach out and touch some of us, hopefully in minimal and unobtrusive form. However, if you are knowingly and directly exposed, please be considerate and responsible by following these protocols:

- cease practice immediately
- self-isolate until you have a confirmed negative test,
- notify every patient you have interacted with,
- contact the Department of Health and Social Services relating to any potential practice spread, and
- share with your local colleagues so they may screen for potentially exposed patients.

Under the <u>Emergency Mandates</u> we have a direct legal obligation to practice our profession in a manner that does not knowingly expose others through our contact. Do not allow your deliberate or reckless practice decisions to result in illness, impairment, or death of others.

Follow all guidance and updates to chiropractic practice on the board's web site and here: <u>https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/CBPLCOVID-19Information.aspx</u>

As we continue to navigate the delivery of health care during COVID-19, please continue conscientiously in masking of patients, personnel, and clinicians in your offices and following meticulous cleaning protocols. As professionals, we are looked to as examples and leaders in our communities. We have been, and hopefully will continue forward to be, shining and encouraging examples of diligent and healthful living. As a board, and as colleagues, we are proud of the sterling example of Alaskan chiropractors.

Thank you,

Brian E. Larson, D.C., DACBSP Chair, Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners