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**ALASKA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS – EMERGENCY
ORDER**

POSITION STATEMENT: Alternate and Distance Supervision during the COVID-19
Pandemic

Date: April 10, 2020

Status: New

Organized by: The Alaska State Board of Professional Counselors

Adopted by: The Alaska State Board of Professional Counselors

PURPOSE:

The Board of Professional Counselors holds to the following position regarding SUPERVISED
EXPERIENCE 12 AAC 62.220.

HISTORY: On March 11, 2020 Governor Michael J. Dunleavy issued a Declaration of Public Health
Disaster Emergency under AS 26.23.020(c) for COVID-19. Since that time Governor Dunleavy has
issued several health mandates in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and on March 13, 2020
Governor Dunleavy issued a mandate to close all public school statewide until March 30, 2020, which
has since been extended until the end of the school year. Subsequent orders since that date have
limited public gatherings, closed businesses, mandated 14-day quarantine for travelers, and recommended
social distancing. Information and recommendations are ongoing and it is anticipated that these may
change regularly.

- Applicants who are currently receiving clinical supervision are permitted to continue supervision through a distance delivery service as required by the agency and/or supervisor.
- Applicants who are in need of distance supervision due to practicing in a remote area will still be required to submit a written request to the board to allow supervision by telephonic or electronic means due to 12 AAC 62.220 (e) still being in effect.

*The Alaska Board of Professional Counselors authority to issue this emergency order is provided in 12
AAC 62.220.*