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The Alaska Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy recognizes the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy professionals have faced many challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID information is changing rapidly and it is the responsibility of every licensed professional to stay informed and practice safely.

The Governor and the Alaskan health care authorities continue to monitor the statewide situation closely, and have identified through COVID-19 Health Mandate 15 which Health Care Providers were able to resume services with detailed stipulations for safe practice. The website is your resource <https://covid19.alaska.gov> and you should review this site frequently for both Health Mandates and Health Alerts. **Please note that Health Mandate 15 was last revised on June 3, 2020.**

The Alaska Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy reminds licensees that the conditions under which they provide care MUST be provided in accordance and compliance with the directives of Health Mandate 15. Should a provider be unable or unwilling to comply with the conditions of this mandate, they must postpone such care until such time that they are able and willing to comply or until Health Mandate 15 is amended or rescinded.

As directed in Health Mandate 15, care that may be safely provided through telehealth services shall continue and the Board reminds providers that they must complete an application with the Telemedicine Business Registry prior to provision of such care.

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/TelemedicineBusinessRegistry.aspx>

Additionally, due to the inability for some licensees to obtain in-person continuing education and provide services during the COVID-19 public emergency, the Alaska Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy has waived both the requirement to provide 60 hours of professional services and completion of continuing education for the 2020 license renewal period per SB241. The only exception is for anyone under a mandatory audit for consent agreement.

Please continue to frequently monitor communications from the Office of the Governor and the Department of Health and Social Services. The Board's website includes the links for professional licensees' program guidance. any updated information and mandates.

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/CBPLCOVID-19Information.aspx>

Please practice safely and stay well.

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