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## **Governor DeWine Makes Changes to Ohio Reopening Plan**

### **Plus Clarification for LMTs in Chiropractic Offices**

(Columbus, OH) Yesterday, the OSCA shared Governor DeWine's Responsible Reopening Protocols. The governor received feedback on these guidelines and has chosen to make some changes to requirements, mainly in regards to face coverings.

Today, we have learned the governor changed the first point of the protocols to **"recommend face coverings for all employees and clients/customers."** Previously this language was more restrictive and mandated masks in businesses. The new guidelines will allow chiropractic offices to choose how much they want to enforce this measure in their office environments.

Governor DeWine is expected to address this change at today's press conference. If there are any other updates or changes, we will be sure send additional communications later today.

We also wanted to address the question of resuming massage therapy in offices. The new order allows Ohio DCs to resume all services in their office. Today, the Ohio State Medical Board gave additional guidance on this issue. Massage therapy locations are not included in the Ohio Department of Health's Responsible Restart Ohio Plan. **Only massages provided as a part of a patient's plan of care, in a health care setting such as a doctor's office, hospital or chiropractor's office, may continue.** This should allow your LMT to resume work, if they wish.

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