

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 20th, 2020

## **Clarification on Licensed Massage Therapists**

(Columbus, OH) The OSCA is receiving many questions regarding the status of offering massage therapy services in their offices following the update sent to massage therapy licensees from the Ohio State Medical board today. The governor announced earlier this week that several businesses would have to cease operations. Specific to massage therapy, the order says "all business operations" at "massage therapy locations".

OSCA and the Chiropractic board have reached out to the Ohio State Medical Board for clarification as they govern massage therapy licensees. Their response was:

We are encouraging licensees to seek private legal counsel with respect to the application of the order to their individual practice situation. The Governor, the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC have said repeatedly that all non-essential services should cease.

OSCA legal counsel is unable to provide broad legal advice that could be applied to all chiropractic offices since the massage services that are rendered can vary greatly. Massage therapy licensees who wish to continue rendering services in your office should seek legal advice to determine how the services rendered by them would apply to the restrictions included in the governor's order.

At this time, there is no additional restriction from Governor DeWine would require you to close your chiropractic office. We encourage everyone follow established guidelines to ensure that they, their employees and their patients are continuing to stay healthy and safe.

The OSCA has been updating our website with a special COVID-19 section to help members navigate and prepare their businesses for this crisis. We have continued to add new content daily to assist you during this time.

Please feel free to reach out to our office with any questions

For any questions, please contact the OSCA Office at osca@oscachiro.org.

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