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OSCA UPDATE ON NEW ODH STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

On March 22, 2020, Dr. Amy Acton, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, issued a “Stay at Home Order” that reinforced and enhanced the measures she and Governor Mike DeWine previously issued to help deter the spread of COVID-19. This Order will become effective on 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020 and directs Ohio citizens to stay at home except for attendance at essential activities, essential governmental functions, or to participate in essential businesses and operations.

The intent of the Order is to reduce the number of people that are out to slow the spread of COVID-19. The administration has previously released guidance that recommends that all elective procedures be postponed and this guidance should still be followed.

If your office does stay open for essential appointments, you must follow the social distancing measures listed in the Order including:

- Designate with signage, tape, or by other means six foot spacing for employees and customers in line to maintain appropriate distance;
- Have hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and customers;
- Implement separate operating hours for elderly and vulnerable customers; and
- Post online whether a facility is open and how best to reach the facility and continue services by phone or remotely.

Also included in the order is an Employer/Business checklist that must be implemented.

Other social distancing measures already recommended include washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

Further, the Chiropractic Board has issued guidance on managing a practice during this COVID-19 outbreak.

The Order is effective through April 6, 2020. However, this situation is changing daily and new orders will likely be drafted that supersede these recommendations.

As many of you have entered your office for the first day of an uncertain week, we want you to know that the OSCA is here to support you and is working tirelessly behind the scenes on your behalf. We will continue to provide updates and resources that will be helpful to you and your business during this crisis.