

Dear Licensees:

We have received consumer reports indicating some physicians and their office staff are not wearing appropriate PPE when interacting with patients. While such reports are definitely not the norm, we wanted to address this important issue as the state re-opens and more people interact.

As we enter “Phase 1” of the reopening of our economy and our society in Louisiana, the LSBME reminds all health practitioners that it is still imperative that they use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times when interacting with patients, and the public. Not only is this vital in the effort to keep the COVID curve flat, but healthcare workers and the profession must take the lead and set the example in this struggle to maintain the health and welfare of us all.

Finally, if you have questions with regard to re-opening your practice and/or elective procedures, please see the Governor’s Proclamations 58-JBE-2020 and 59-JBE-2020 as well as the Louisiana Department of Health’s Orders and guidance via the links provided below:

<https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/Proclamations/2020/58-JBE-2020.pdf>

<https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/Proclamations/2020/59-JBE-2020.pdf>

<http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3880>

We understand that working in the hospital environment, and/or operating or working in a practice is a terrible burden for many of you under the current stressful conditions and amidst so much uncertainty. We are here to assist you if you have any questions on this or other matters.

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The LSBME encourages all licensees to check our COVID-19 webpage frequently for updates and current information at <http://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/covid-19-crisis-information>.