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Title: **MDHHS clinical guidance to licensed physicians, dentist, FSO and hospitals**

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On 5/5/2020, Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, the state's Chief Medical Executive, sent a letter to health care providers outlining how to provide treatment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Access the letter by visiting Michigan.gov.

The core principles outlined in the letter include:

- Limit in-person contact as much as possible and implement best practices for infection prevention and control.
- Systematically prioritize in-person patient interactions.
- Reassure patients of appropriate safety measures.
- Assure appropriate surge capacity and develop emergency plans.

Gov. Whitmer has also issued more executive orders, including:

EO 2020-70, Modified Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Alive Order

The order modifies the shelter in place order and allows, beginning May 7, construction activities (plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians, and similar workers), real estate activities (including visits to properties that are for sale), and work necessary to the manufacture of goods that support workplace modification to forestall the spread of COVID-19 infections. The order remains in place through May 15, which is no change from the previous order.

EO 2020-71 – Guidelines for Food Services and Pharmacies

This order is the same as a previous order providing operational guidelines for food service and pharmacies to protect employees and customers. It lasts through May 31.

EO 2020-72 – Restrictions on Visiting Health Care Facilities

This order is nearly identical to a previous order. This latest order adds a provision that says all staff members and visitors of a residential care facility, congregate care facility, or juvenile justice facility must wear a covering over their nose and mouth when indoors or within six feet of another person. The order lasts through May 31 at 11:59 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact your Blue Cross Complete account executive.

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