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Immediate KBEP Response to COVID-19

KBEP is in contact with government offices to address several concerns relative to the practice of psychology. Updates will be provided on our website and through direct communication as available. Below are links to statutes and regulations that might be helpful during this time.

1. In Kentucky, [201 KAR 26:215](#) outlines the requirements for granting temporary nonresident status. If you are an out-of-state provider to a KY resident, please register your services [here](#). KBEP will waive the usual fees associated with this registration for the COVID-19 response.
2. TELEHEALTH laws, including [KRS 304.17A-138](#) and [201 KAR 26:310](#), do not allow licensees to practice across state lines without licensure in that state. They require these and more provisions:
 - A treating psychologist utilizing telehealth must ensure a patient's informed consent and maintain confidentiality
 - Documentation of the circumstances in which the credential holder will use alternative communications for emergency purposes

Kentucky has seven border states. Their laws differ from Kentucky's law. Ohio, for example, has a 30 Day Permission to Practice without a License provision. This covers telehealth services for those who qualify.

PSYPACT is a bill that is currently before the Kentucky legislature to address interjurisdictional issues. For more information, please contact your Kentucky legislator.

2. CONTINUING EDUCATION: [201 KAR 26:175 Section 7\(4\)](#) allows licensees to complete 12 or less hours of continuing education via home-study or internet-based courses; and [Section 7\(5\)](#) allows licensees to complete 24 hours or less of courses via interactive videoconferencing.

3. OTHER KBEP DEADLINES: KBEP is aware that additional attention is needed relative to the effects of COVID-19 on the consumers of psychology and its licensees. Matters will be addressed at our public board meetings which are listed on the Board's [website](#).

Other Important Links:

Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/Pages/covid19.aspx>

The American Psychological Association:
<https://www.apaservices.org/practice/news/covid19-psychology-services-protection>