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### WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE #13

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Dear Licensee,

On Friday, June 5, 2020, most of the state entered Phase II of businesses reopening to the public at limited capacity and with other modifications. New Orleans entered Phase II shortly after on June 13, 2020. As we continue to explore life in Phase II, you are reminded, as mental health practitioners, to stay vigilant when interacting with clients, patients, students, etc. by: Consulting and following all local, regional, state, and federal guidelines; staying up to date on information being published by the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health; and consulting with the American Psychological Association guidelines. Note that with the continuance of Governor's Orders responding to COVID19, LSBEP has also extended deadlines all provisions previously issued Emergency Temporary Registrations and Telesupervision Application fee waivers.

For this, the thirteenth Weekly Wednesday Update, the following resource page has been published by the Louisiana Department of Health, and contains guidance dedicated solely to Behavioral Health Information and COVID-19: <http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3883>

We would like to remind you to refer to [Weekly Wednesday Update #12 \(License Renewal Edition\) \(6/10/2020\)](#), published on June 10, 2020 for License Renewal Information and important provisions that will be applied this renewal season due to COVID-19

LSBEP again thanks Louisiana Psychologists for stepping up to the challenges in applying technology to deliver psychological services to their patients and clients safely, while respecting the health and well-being of their patients/clients, the people with whom they work, themselves, as well as the individuals who have no other choice but to be exposed to COVID19. Our Ethical Standards are established for the welfare and protection of the individuals and groups with whom psychologists work. Therefore, our charge is to think of others before ourselves and to consider all risks when determining how to provide vital care to our clients and patients. Emergency Orders and Proclamations from Federal, State and Local Governments impose stricter but necessary restrictions and guidelines impacting the delivery of psychological services for the time being. History will remember our actions or inactions at this time. Let us remember why we

all chose this profession and be on the side of history that aligns with the health and well-being of all people.

Sincerely,

**LSBEP Executive Committee**

Koren Boggs, Ph.D., Chair

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- Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives: **Submit to:** [H&GA@legis.la.gov](mailto:H&GA@legis.la.gov) or Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives, PO Box 44486, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225) 342-2403
- Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate: **Submit to:** [s&g@legis.la.gov](mailto:s&g@legis.la.gov) or Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate PO Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225)342-9845

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