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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE #25

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Dear Licensee,

This is our twenty-fifth Weekly Wednesday Update, the short week following a much needed *Labor Day* holiday caught us by surprise, so this publication is a little late, but timely following news from Governor John Bel Edwards that today, Friday, September 11, 2020 Louisiana will be entering Phase III of reopening! This is positive news, however there is no word yet from the Louisiana Department of Health that the June 4, 2020 Order from Dr. Jimmy Guidry has been lifted ([SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDED AND UPDATED NOTICE: Medical and Surgical Procedures Dental Visits, Procedures and Surgeries Other Healthcare Services - 06/04/2020](#)). Therefore, we once again encourage you to continue to utilize the best practices you have adopted in your response to COVID-19 and required when providing in person care. LSBEP also notes that Orleans Parish remains in Phase II at this time.

Additionally, we are happy to share Governor John Bel Edwards Proclamation #116-JBE-2020 related to Veteran and Military Suicide Prevention in order to promote the [REACH](#) and PREVENT National Public Health Campaigns <https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/Proclamations/2020/116-JBE-2020.pdf>

Over the past few weeks, we have evaluated the relevance of the information being provided in our Weekly Wednesday Update series. Having provided you with resources to practice safely during this pandemic, we feel comfortable with scaling back these updates to be sent when there is urgent or relevant news related to COVID-19. Your email inbox will thank us!

LSBEP would also like to acknowledge and recognize that today's date, September 11, is a somber moment for reflection and remembrance. LSBEP knows the sacrifices Americans made on that day and since are priceless, and would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude towards all first responders and those impacted by these attacks.

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

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