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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE #27**

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Dear licensees,

Happy New Year! LSBEP has updated information since last week's update (#26) regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is coordinating the COVID-19 vaccine distribution effort in Louisiana. Today LDH updated their website regarding vaccine eligibility for certain individuals and groups including "Ambulatory/outpatient care personnel". This category is defined in the [State of Louisiana Covid-19 Vaccination Playbook](#) as including, "personnel performing direct patient care at the following outpatient facilities: (Listed in alphabetical order) - Ambulatory Surgical Centers - Community Mental Health Centers - Dental Offices - Outpatient Behavioral Health Facilities - Outpatient Physical Therapy - Outpatient Specialty Clinics - Pain Management Clinics - Pediatric Day Health Care Facilities - Specialty Medical Offices" and includes: "Community Mental Health & Outpatient Behavioral Health Facilities. The personnel in this category are important in helping patients deal with COVID-19 and the socioeconomic consequences it has entailed. The pandemic has resulted in a marked increase in symptoms of depression and anxiety, substance abuse, and suicidal ideation (CDC)."

If you would like to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, you are required to make an appointment with participating pharmacies. You will need to visit the following website, select a participating pharmacy and schedule your appointment: <https://ldh.la.gov/covidvaccine-pharmacies/>

LDH has not communicated directly with LSBEP regarding the documentation needed by providers. However, LSBEP suggests you bring a physical copy of your 2020-21 license renewal certificate as verification and that you also contact the pharmacy to confirm any additional identification that may be required to verify your eligibility.

As always, thank you for your commitment to the health and safety of your clients, patients and others with whom you interact during this unprecedented public health emergency. Should additional information become available to us, we will be sure to share that with licensees.

Sincerely,

LSBEP Executive Committee

Amy Henke, Psy.D., Chairperson

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NOTICE: In compliance with Act 655 of the 2018 Regular Session, the LSBEP hereby gives notice to its licensees and applicants of their opportunity to file a complaint about board actions and board procedures. You may submit such complaints to one or more of the following organizations:

- Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists: **Submit in writing to:** LSBEP, 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., #C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816; admin.lsbep@la.gov; (225)295-8410
- Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives: **Submit to:** 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 or Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate PO Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225)342-9845

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