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To: Pharmacists/Pharmacies  
From: Alabama Board of Pharmacy/Donna C. Yeatman, RPh  
Date: March 14, 2020  
RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Exposure and Limitations to Exposure

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Yeatman', is written over the 'From:' line of the letterhead.

This is a difficult time for all and the Board of Pharmacy appreciates the care and dedication pharmacists and technicians are showing the citizens of Alabama.

The Board encourages pharmacies to practice social distancing and make arrangements for patients to separate themselves while waiting. Actions that allow for optimal use of drive-throughs at pharmacies and curbside assistance for those locations without drive-throughs is a best practice to limit the exposure for patients and healthcare providers.

In addition, while the Board has no authority to waive any requirements by a third-party payer, the Board has no issue with a patient giving a pharmacy member authority to sign the patient's name in their presence for receipt of a prescription.

Relative to exposure, ADPH is recommending the CDC 6/15 rule.

Anyone who has been within 6 feet of the person with a confirmed diagnosis for 15 minutes within the 48 hours prior to diagnosis should self-quarantine to prevent the possible spread of the virus. All surfaces that the diagnosed person touched should be thoroughly cleaned.

Recent tests show that COVID-19 can be viable on some surfaces for 3 days. The person's family should also follow CDC recommendations that can be found on their website:

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fsteps-when-sick.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fsteps-when-sick.html)