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VABA Presents: COVID-19 Weekly Digest 7

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You can find the latest updates on COVID-19 infections, recoveries, and deaths here (choose VA in dropdown): <http://covid19.healthdata.org/>
Also by county: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>

See what the governor is saying on his official Web site: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/>

As always, the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/) and [WHO](https://www.who.int/) have up-to-date and reliable health information.

VABA Has a [Q&A on our Web site](#) to Answer all Your Burning Coronavirus Questions



This Week's Highlight: Phase One - What does it mean?

Much of the state entered [Phase I on May 15](#), and other areas including [Northern Virginia](#) and [Richmond City](#) should enter Phase I on May 29.

The restrictions of phase 1 are outlined in the governor's memos, but all providers must

still make their own clinical decisions. As always, the CDC is a good resource for information on cleaning work areas, PPE use, and distancing guidelines.

Do you have COVID-19 related expenditures? If you haven't already, please complete this survey and gather receipts. There are no guarantees, but we will work to get some or all of your extra expenses reimbursed: <https://form.jotform.com/virginiaaba/COVID-19-expenditures>

The VA Dept of Health is offering a Webinar on *Infection Control & Best Practices in Clinic Settings*. This first session of a series is May 21 at 12 noon. [Register in advance here](#). Or [use this link](#) if the other doesn't work for you. While behavior analysts are not the primary audience, if you are a clinic owner, this will probably have very useful information! [See this memo](#) for information about Project ECHO.



Are You Hiring?

Get your job noticed!

During COVID-19 restrictions, VABA is not charging for job postings. [Click here](#) to post yours!

Medicaid Providers! Are you on the call?

Make sure to attend the weekly provider calls.

If you have any issues with any part of your services to Medicaid, please email VABA at admin@virginiaaba.org. We will compile them and get you answers quickly. DMAS prefers that questions be funneled through the provider associations (such as VABA).

DMAS is continually updating this Web page: <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/emergencywaiver> with information.

One question that has been frequently asked is when the telehealth flexibility will end. The short answer is no one knows. The flexibility will be in place as long as the emergency order from the Governor is in place (currently set to end June 10). DMAS has confirmed that as soon as they have any information, they will send out a memo letting providers know. VABA will continue to try to get the flexibilities extended as long as possible. Provider flexibilities are detailed in [this memo](#) (4/22/20).

Regarding billing - right now the direction is to continue to bill as you used to and just note in your notes that it was telehealth. In the future, there will be more guidance on using the 02 location code and GT modifier.