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## VABA Presents: COVID-19 Digest 12

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**No longer weekly!**

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.

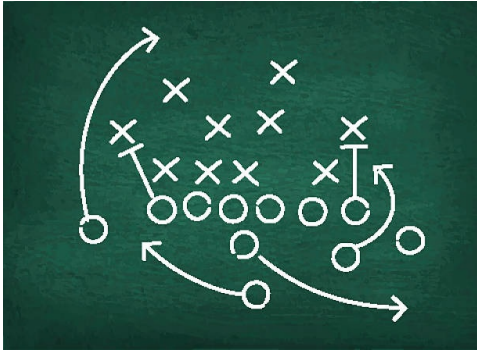
VABA Has a [Q&A on our Web site](#) to Answer all Your Burning Coronavirus Questions



# WE WANT YOUR HELP!



Are you providing ABA services via Telehealth? Is it working? Do you want to continue to the practice after the pandemic is over? Many do and for that reason, WE NEED DATA! We will be contacting agencies soon about sharing data on successes (and challenges) of telehealth. If you want to be involved, email



## This Week's Highlight: Phase 3 and More Guidance from Departments of Education and Medical Assistance Services (Medicaid)

### **GUIDANCE FOR REOPENING SCHOOLS:**

The DOE and VDH put out guidance for reopening schools. VABA is working with both organizations to ensure that students/clients/patients with the most significant needs have specific guidance. In the meantime, here are [the guidelines](#) and [FAQs](#).

### **RELIEF FUNDS:**

While we haven't had success with getting specific funds for behavior analysts based on the survey we sent a few weeks ago, Behavior Analysts who bill Medicaid ARE eligible for this funding. [Click here](#) for the instructions. [Click here](#) for the Web site on CARES funding.

**THE DEADLINE IS JULY 20!**

### **GENERAL CORONAVIRUS HEALTH INFO:**

[Click here](#) for a presentation from the Virginia Department of Health about successes and challenges.

### **GROUP FACE TO FACE RETURNS:**

On July 1, DMAS put out a memo ending the moratorium on face to face group services for behavioral therapy. [Click here](#) for that memo.

### **FEDERAL WAIVERS:**

[Click here](#) for Information about the emergency 1135 waiver for which VA applied and received.

### **ENDING OF PROVIDER FLEXIBILITIES:**

A new memo from DMAS came out on June 26. [Click here](#) for the full memo. Here is a summary, thanks to Maureen Hallowell of the Endependence Center.

Ending January 26, 2021

Not using waiver services for more than 30 days and remaining in the waiver will end January 26.

Ending July 31, 2020

Retainer payments to certain DD Waiver providers will end July 31.

Face to face visits for support coordination/case management, risk assessments, reassessments, planning meetings, level of care reviews and other services that require monthly or regular monitoring will be required again on August 1. There are some exceptions if the individual refuses the face to face meeting or if the provider determines there is risk to the individual or provider to conduct the face to face visit.

Telehealth in-home residential services in the FIS and CL Waivers end July 31.

Ending August 31, 2020

Parents of children under 18 and spouses will no longer be paid attendants for their young children or spouse after August 31.



## 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](mailto: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.

The next call is July 15

