

The West Virginia Board of Chiropractic recognizes chiropractic physicians as essential healthcare providers; specifically, now during the COVID-19 pandemic. We provide essential care to the public; specifically, to other healthcare providers and first responders -- many of whom are already exhausted and hurting from this crisis. As chiropractic physicians, we understand the far-reaching potential of our most needed care.

In our enthusiasm, let us not further confuse the public any more than they already are regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. False promises and cures are all over the internet and social media. Therefore, we encourage all West Virginia chiropractors to seek recommendations and protocols established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources (DHHR) regarding COVID-19. We further recommend for all to review WV Code Chapter 30, Article 16, and Title 4, Series 1, Regulation of Chiropractic Practice with attention to §4-1-6, as it provides boundaries for communicating with the public.

Any licensed DC who advertises or makes false, deceptive or misleading statements that he or she can cure the coronavirus is in violation of state statute pertaining to the scope of practice and advertising. Our scope does not provide disease-based treatment.

Should I keep practicing during this pandemic? If you decide to stay open, these guidelines by NCMIC can reduce the risk of transmission. Please press control + click to follow link - - <https://www.ncmic.com/learning-center/articles/coronavirus/resources/should-i-keep-practicing-during-this-pandemic/>.

Remember, we are the best at treating the cause of “aches and pains” and directing people on “wellness”!

Concerning continuing education due to COVID-19, the Board has voted to allow licensees to obtain all 18 required hours online for the June 30, 2020 renewal. This allowance will expire July 1, 2020.

Stay safe, smart, diligent! “We are the best”!!

Special Note: As directed by the Governor, WVBOC’s Executive Director, Barbara Johnson, will be working from home. The Board will remain open for business. You may reach Barbara at (304) 746-7839. Leave a message and Barbara will return your call. You may also email Barbara at [wvchiroboard@outlook.com](mailto:wvchiroboard@outlook.com). Please visit the Board’s website at [www.boc.wv.gov](http://www.boc.wv.gov) for any information you may need. Thank you!