



KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

TO: Licensees and Certificate Holders
FROM: Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners
DATE: May 17, 2021
RE: Board COVID-19 Order Update

I. Introduction.

The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) last issued an update to SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on [March 31, 2021](#). The Memorandum and Order issued today, May 17, 2021, provides an update to that Order.

Licensees should understand that should there be another spike in disease cases in the Commonwealth, the Board may find it necessary to implement new restrictions.

II. May 17, 2021 Update to Order and Guidance.

To summarize and ensure that all licensees are following the same guidance, the following list provides updates to previous Board Orders.

- 1) **Every licensee's priority during the COVID-19 State of Emergency should be the protection of public health.**
- 2) **Ensure that your practice follows the Governor's Executive Orders and Directives in the Kentucky Healthy at Work reopening plans.** Be certain to visit <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-healthy-at-work> for the latest information and guidance from the Kentucky Governor. **Governor Beshear anticipates lifting all capacity restrictions on June 11.**
- 3) **Executive Order 2021-326 concerning updates on face coverings is available at https://governor.ky.gov/attachments/20210513_Executive-Order_2021-326_State-of-Emergency.pdf. Kentucky will follow CDC guidelines for mask mandates.** This means individuals who are fully vaccinated and at least 14 days past their second vaccine are no longer required to wear masks.
- 4) **Curbside exchanges are optional.** Practitioners are encouraged to tailor a plan that best suits the needs of their clients. For some that will be a complete return to pre-COVID operations, while others may continue to offer all or partial curbside service.

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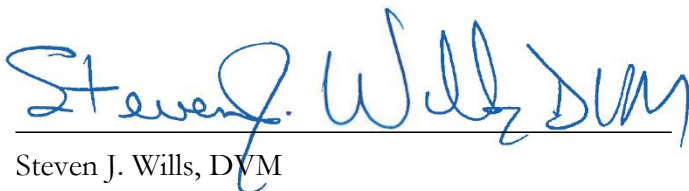
- 5) **The Board continues to encourage the use of telehealth where possible, within the bounds of a current, valid VCPR.** The Board considers a VCPR to be current if the patient has been seen in-person within the last 12 months. For a definition of a VCPR in Kentucky, see [KRS 321.185](#).
- 6) To the extent that any statute within KRS Chapter 321, or any administrative regulation promulgated by the Board, is inconsistent or could be construed as inconsistent with this Order, or with any order issued under the authority of the Governor's Emergency Declaration, such statute or regulation is hereby SUSPENDED pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 (issued March 18, 2020), Sections 3 and 4.

This temporary Board Order shall remain in effect for the duration of the pandemic State of Emergency Orders issued by Governor Beshear. Licensees should be prepared for statewide and local public health orders to be extended, amended, or changed as needed to protect public health. This means we may move between the different phases of business operations during this pandemic.

For current information on the COVID-19 response efforts related to the veterinary community, please continue to check the Board's website at <https://www.kybve.com/Kentucky-Veterinary-Covid-19-updates.html>.

If you have any questions about this Board Order, contact the Board's office at Vet@ky.gov or call 502-782-0273.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to continue serving and protecting the citizens of the Commonwealth.



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Chairman, Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners

Date: May 17, 2021

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From: Shane, Michelle (AGR) on behalf of KBVE
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 1:25 PM
Subject: KBVE - COVID-19 Update - Order Update
Attachments: KBVE_COVID-19_2021-05-17_MEMO-Order update.pdf

Importance: High

You are receiving this message as current licensee or certificate holder of the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE), or as a pending applicant. To learn more about the COVID-19 response in the Kentucky veterinary community, please visit KBVE's website at <https://www.kybve.com/Kentucky-Veterinary-Covid-19-updates.html>.

Please see the attached Memo and Order Update from the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners. Questions may be sent to Vet@ky.gov.

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Please note that I am currently telecommuting multiple days each week; there may a delay in response time.