

## **May 21 posts RE: Executive Orders and New Workgroup**

Executive orders #96 and 97 (MI Safe Start) DO NOT include information for massage therapists. All mentions of health-care facilities and clinics refer to medical, dental and veterinary. As with other Michigan professions, massage therapists will not be released to work until the newly formed workgroup has finished writing its recommendations.

We suspect the workgroup will begin meeting sometime next week. As mentioned in a previous post, AMTA Michigan is participating. When we know anything, you will know!

Yes, you need more information before you can return to work. Keep watching this page for a survey to collect your ideas. Your input is essential.

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Many of you have been requesting guidelines to prepare for reopening. As noted previously, a newly formed Workgroup will be creating those recommendations for LMTs in Michigan. Until we have that full list, here are two references for you to use as considerations. There's so much to consider when it comes to working safely.

The Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) has developed Guidelines for state and regulatory agencies. We are sharing that information to help you with planning and preparations for when we will reopen. It is the various regulatory boards and not the membership organizations that help create the rules for licensed practitioners.

Please remember these guidelines are general and are written for Massage Therapists in all states and districts. At the present time they are not enforceable in Michigan; those directions? will come from the Workgroup.

The following is an update from AMTA National:

### **Expanded Reopening Consideration for Massage Therapists: Practice Guidelines and Insurance Coverage**

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to evolve, AMTA is committed to supporting you and making sure you have the most up to date information. Each state will have its own reopening guidance, and it's important to be aware of the laws, executive orders, and regulations that impact massage therapists at this time. It's also important to make sure that your professional liability insurance covers you for communicable diseases like the Coronavirus. AMTA members, rest assured, there are no exclusions on your policy for this Coronavirus or communicable diseases. If you're not an AMTA member, make sure you check with your provider. And new yesterday, the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) has developed guidelines for state and regulatory agencies of oversight and massage therapists across various workplace settings that are now available for download.

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