



Notice

8 May 20

COVID-19 Minimum Standards of Safe Practice

1. All physicians providing patient care or engaging in an in-person patient encounter, must implement the following minimum COVID-19 standards of safe practice.
2. A mask must be worn by both the patient and physician or the physician's delegate when in proximity of the patient (meaning less than a 6-foot distance between the patient and the physician or the physician's delegate).
3. Follow policies the physician, medical and healthcare practice, or facility has in place regarding COVID-19 screening and testing and/or screening patients.
4. That, before any encounter, patients must be screened for potential symptoms of COVID-19 or verified previously screened within last 20 days.
5. That prior to care involving a medical procedure or surgery on the mucous membranes, including the respiratory tract, with a high risk of aerosol transmission, the minimum safety equipment used by a physician or physician's delegate should include N95 masks, or an equivalent protection from aerosolized particles, and face shields.

**Texas Medical Board Emergency Rule, 30 Apr 20, Related to
Gov. Abbott's Executive Order GA-19 of 27 Apr 20**