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Board of Examiners in Optometry Recommendation: COVID-19

In accordance with the recommendation from the Governor of the State of South Carolina, the Board recommends licensees follow [CDC](#) and [DHEC](#) guidelines in limiting the number of patients in office through September 9, 2020, to maintain social distancing. The [American Optometric Association](#) (AOA) has published the [Optometry Practice Reactivation Preparedness Guide](#) to assist offices seeking to return to routine care.

The Board supports continued optometric services through any method of practice within your scope of practice that complies with the applicable standard of care, including telehealth for the period of the State of Emergency as declared by the Governor. If you elect to utilize telehealth, the Board suggests that you review the AOA's recommendations.

The recommendations outlined above from the Board are recommendations only and not a mandate.

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Licensees and other members of the public needing assistance are encouraged to visit the Board website at [www.llr.sc.gov](http://www.llr.sc.gov), call, 803-896-4679 or send an email to [contact.optometry@llr.sc.gov](mailto:contact.optometry@llr.sc.gov). The Board will continue to monitor the situation and will communicate updates via email and Board website.

Sincerely,

South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry