Type of Practice

- SOLO
- SMALL GROUP
- LARGE GROUP
- AGENCY
Solo Practice

Be aware of

◦ State Licensing Board Rules for Telehealth, Reopening, etc.
◦ State Licensing Board Emergency Revisions pertinent to COVID-19
◦ State orders that apply to small businesses (e.g., masks, social distancing, etc.)
◦ Your limitations with implementing specific policies to ensure your safety and the safety of your clients
Small Group Practice

Be aware of

◦ Everything from the previous slide
  ◦ AND

◦ Develop a strategy to put in place your policy and inform your clinicians and clients
  ◦ Get input from clinicians—including everyone in developing goals is likely to increase compliance
  ◦ Identify one person who will be responsible for monitoring changes in state orders, laws, etc.
  ◦ Meet weekly to review progress, issues, success, and to revise policy as necessary
Large Group Practice

Be aware of

- Everything from the previous slides
  - AND
- Consider rules from additional governing authorities
  - State or National Accrediting Bodies
  - Contract Administrators
  - Third-Party Payers
Agency

Be aware of

◦ Everything from the previous slides
  ◦ AND

◦ Consider other factors that affect your service delivery
  ◦ Yet additional rules or recommendations from governing authorities such as funding sources, governing board, advisory board, community stakeholders, non-profit laws and rules
  ◦ Standardized practice across multiple office locations
  ◦ Compliance officer role
Liabilities

Protect yourself…

◦ Not only from COVID-19 but also from legal liabilities
  ◦ State crack-down on those not following orders
  ◦ Civil suits by clients, client families, visitors, or staff members who contract the virus
  ◦ Potential violations of federal, state, or local laws or ordinances that are widely publicly displayed
  ◦ Evaluate your ability to maintain supplies
In a Nutshell

Be prepared

◦ It’s simple

◦ Develop a plan for reopening
  ◦ Include a common-sense policy
  ◦ Inform your clinical and administrative staff
  ◦ Inform your clients
  ◦ Have accountabilities in place
  ◦ Document, document, document all that you are doing
  ◦ Follow your plan
Professional Organizations

You have Support

American Psychological Association
- Sample Consent Form
- Sample Announcement

Ohio Psychological Association
- Town Hall Forums
- Other Forms and Information

Provider Liability Insurers
- Guidelines for Reopening
- Possibly forms or legal consultation
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