



ADED

The Association for Driver
Rehabilitation Specialists

ADED Memo: COVID-19

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The COVID-19 virus continues to spread throughout the U.S, Canada, and beyond. U.S. President Trump extended the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America through the end of April. By today, March 30th, at least 27 U.S. states will have issued stay-at-home orders. This has most likely impacted many of our member's businesses and ways of offering services. Our hearts go out to those directly affected, with loved ones battling the disease, and for those in in the front lines.

ADED recognizes that most of our members and driver rehabilitation service providers are health-care workers and thus identified as essential staff. AOTA and APTA have issued some guidelines for those employees in the healthcare sector. For driver rehabilitation programs based in a healthcare setting such as an outpatient therapy clinic, for example, we encourage you to exercise prudent measures for your safety and the safety of your co-workers, clients, and their families. Should you or your employer choose to continue offering driver rehabilitation services, please follow local, state/provincial and national measures to remain safe and to do your part to prevent the spread of the disease. Practitioners are urged to follow practice guidelines as set forth by your professional society or license agency when making the decision to resume in-person patient/client visits. The timing of this decision may vary by geographic region. Please refer to your own state and county guidelines to assist with decision making.

ADED has set up a special COVID-19 information page and will update this on a regular basis with news and resources. <https://www.aded.net/page/ADEDCOVID-19>

Quick links for information and guidelines:

- ❖ U.S. CDC guidelines <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- ❖ Canadian Public Health services: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>
- ❖ AOTA information <https://www.aota.org/Practice/Health-Wellness/COVID19.aspx>
- ❖ CAOT practice support <https://www.caot.ca/site/pt/COVID-19?nav=sidebar>

ADED is considering our options and the viability of hosting our annual conference this July in Lansing, Michigan. We are monitoring the situation daily and regularly speaking with our volunteer leadership and members. A final decision will be made no later than May 24th to give attendees and exhibitors ample time to finalize transportation and shipping. Additionally, this timeline gives us time to prepare for alternative methods of delivering the continuing education and training you need to keep up your professional practice and certification.

All chapter meetings scheduled through May 8th have now been cancelled. We are exploring on-line or virtual events so that our members can still connect and learn together. We will be sharing that information with chapter officers as soon as we have the logistics worked out. This is new territory for all of us!

Stay safe, healthy, and keep supporting each other. We are stronger together!

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