

# Updated Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Guidance

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As the first week of COVID-19 mitigation comes to an end, I'd like to extend my gratitude for each of you working tirelessly to ensure Pennsylvanians are healthy and safe. In an effort to consolidate numerous emails and updates to lighten your inbox, please see the below links and attachments for more information and guidance as we navigate COVID-19.

## **Confidentiality**

- Confidentiality Regulations – We have received questions about confidentiality regulations and telehealth. [Click here](#) to see departmental guidance on written patient consent.

## **Telehealth**

- DDAP has released the following Policy Bulletin for Problem Gambling Providers. [Click here to review.](#)

## **DEA-registered practitioners**

- The Drug Enforcement Agency has released guidance on controlled substance prescribing. [Visit here](#) to read more.

For more information on guidance issued by the department during COVID-19, [click here](#).

Thank you again for your patience, flexibility, and commitment to the individuals you serve during this unprecedented time.

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