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Dear Medical Facilities,

The Floyd County Health Department supports the phased re-opening plan promulgated by the Governor. Operations listed in the document below may start at 2359 Sunday, April 26th, 2020. Please continue social distancing measures as well as staff masking and hygiene measures. Scheduling for appointments and procedures on or after April 27th can be done now.

Section 9 of Executive Order 20-22

9. Healthcare and Public Health Operations

For purposes of this Executive Order, individuals may leave their residences to work for or to obtain services through Healthcare and Public Health Operations.

The phrase "Healthcare and Public Health Operations" includes the following: hospitals; clinics; dental offices; pharmacies; public health entities, including those that compile, model, analyze and communicate public health information; pharmaceutical, pharmacy, medical device and equipment, and biotechnology companies (including operations, research and development, manufacture, and supply chain); organizations collecting blood, platelets, plasma, and other necessary materials; obstetricians and gynecologists; eye care centers, including those that sell glasses and contact lenses; home healthcare services providers; mental health and substance use providers; other healthcare facilities and suppliers and providers of any related and/or ancillary healthcare services; entities that transport and dispose of medical materials and remains; and veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals.

Included in veterinary care that is referenced above and permitted under this Executive Order is pet grooming, which may occur at a pet salon or store, or by mobile unit; however, no pet grooming shall be provided to customers inside any home at this time.

Also included in Healthcare and Public Health Operations are manufacturers, technicians, logistics, and warehouse operators and distributors of medical equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical gases, pharmaceuticals, blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting or sterilization supplies, and tissue and paper towel products.

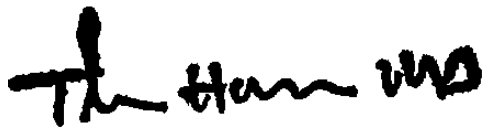
Fitness and exercise gyms, spas, salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, and similar facilities are not included in Healthcare and Public Health Operations and shall close.

Further, the phrase "Healthcare and Public Health Operations" shall be construed broadly in order to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare.

In addition, as long as sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE), staff and other supplies are available so as not to detract from what is necessary and appropriate to properly care for and treat patients who have or may have COVID-19, hospitals should conduct clinically indicated procedures meant to diagnose, screen and treat medical conditions that have the potential for short-term or long-term morbidity and/or mortality. These include, but are not limited to, cardiac, vascular, neurologic, cancer, gastrointestinal and respiratory procedures, as well as those procedures meant to reduce significant pain or symptoms making quality of life unacceptable.

Furthermore, in connection with health care providers, whether medical, dental or other, and health care facilities, whether hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, dental facilities, plastic surgery centers, dermatology offices, abortion clinics, or veterinary practices, any current restrictions involving their medical procedures that have been imposed by an Executive Order will be re-evaluated for possible modifications, as warranted by the circumstances, that would allow for them to resume commencing as of 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, 2020. In addition, these restrictions on medical procedures will be re-evaluated every seven (7) days thereafter for any appropriate and timely modifications that could be implemented.

Please contact the Floyd County Health Department at 812-948-4726 for additional information or if you need personal protective equipment.

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