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## VABA Presents: COVID-19 Weekly Digest 6

We hope this will give you helpful information. Thank you for opting in. If you do not wish to receive this information, please email [admin@virginiaaba.org](mailto:admin@virginiaaba.org). **Please do NOT unsubscribe, as that means you will not receive any emails from VABA in the future.**

You can find the latest updates on COVID-19 infections, recoveries, and deaths here (choose VA in dropdown):

<http://covid19.healthdata.org/>

Also by county:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>

See what the governor is saying on his official Web site:

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/>

As always, the [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) have up-to-date and reliable health information.

VABA Has a [Q&A on our Web site](#) to Answer all Your Burning Coronavirus Questions

**ANYONE ELSE  
CONSIDERING ANIMAL TRAINING**



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**This Week's  
Highlight:  
News from the  
Commonwealth**

As of this email, we are still [on track to enter Phase I on May 15](#), with the exception of those in [Northern Virginia who should enter Phase I on May 29](#).

The decision to relax some restrictions is based on Virginia's ability to ramp up testing. [See this presentation](#) for a summary of testing in VA.

VABA has heard some provider concerns about telehealth provisions going away as restrictions ease. At this time, there are no plans for the Commonwealth to issue new directives on telehealth. The people making those decisions understand that there is still a

need for telehealth, and probably will be for a long time to come. Hopefully, private payers will continue to agree. [Here is a link](#) to a presentation on telehealth that is not directly related to ABA, but gives you an idea of what is going on at a state level.

Having trouble getting PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)? Are your clients having trouble too? [The Arc has a survey](#) to learn more about the issues they are facing (survey is for families to fill out).

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## More Resources . . .

if you haven't already come across them

Here are some [educational resources](#) from VCU ACE

Preparing your office and employees for returning to the workplace - A [Webinar](#) from ASAE



## Are You Hiring?

Get your job noticed!

During COVID-19 restrictions, VABA is not charging for job postings. [Click here](#) to post yours!

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## Medicaid Providers! Are you on the call?

Make sure to attend the weekly provider calls.

**If you have any issues with any part of your services to Medicaid, please email VABA at [admin@virginiaaba.org](mailto:admin@virginiaaba.org). We will compile them and get you answers quickly. DMAS prefers that questions be funneled through the provider associations (such as VABA).**

Here is a letter that was sent from Magellan (the BSA) on behalf of the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

Hello behavioral health stakeholders,

Thank you for participating in our behavioral health stakeholder's WebEx sessions, consistently attending, and for passing on the information. [Click here](#) for the materials we reviewed during the call on May 6, 2020. Providers are now able to access available recordings from previous sessions, including this one, at <https://go.magellanhealth.com/e/703943/--emergencywaiver/hld1/104543248?h=mlxkT2QKkLXLC3sFBwo5D70xMq-xufeTNyt5Yq8isas>.

In addition to the materials from the calls, this email includes a schedule for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) "[Training and Technical Assistance Related to COVID-19](#)."



\*Check it out! We have reorganized our COVID-19 webpage: <https://go.magellanhealth.com/e/703943/--emergencywaiver/hld1/104543248?h=mlxkT2QKkLXLC3sFBwo5D70xMq-xufeTNyt5Yq8isas>. On this page you will find guidance documents for all providers and a behavioral health specific section with general, behavioral health, and ARTs FAQs posted!

Save-the-Date  
COVID-19 Response DMAS Behavioral Health Provider Stakeholder Call

When: Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Time: 11 a.m.

WebEx Information: 1-866-692-4530

Access code: 611 901 975

<https://go.magellanhealth.com/e/703943/be415f915b5c1d6b9457e3f20c3086/hld15/104543248?h=mlxkT2QKkLXLC3sFBwo5D70xMq-xufeTNyt5Yq8isas>

\* During these calls we will discuss FAQs, guidance, and technical assistance. We will not be doing service specific Q & A during the call.

The DMAS webpage for provider and member guidance can be found here:

- Member Information: <https://go.magellanhealth.com/e/703943/id19-One-Pager-English-4-9-pdf/hld17/104543248?h=mlxkT2QKkLXLC3sFBwo5D70xMq-xufeTNyt5Yq8isas>
- Provider and MCO Information: <https://go.magellanhealth.com/e/703943/--emergencywaiver/hld1/104543248?h=mlxkT2QKkLXLC3sFBwo5D70xMq-xufeTNyt5Yq8isas>
- You can sign up to start receiving automatic notifications of guidance posted by going to this link: <https://go.magellanhealth.com/e/703943/AS-subscriber-new-qsp-VADMAS-2/hld19/104543248?h=mlxkT2QKkLXLC3sFBwo5D70xMq-xufeTNyt5Yq8isas>
- Have other questions about how Medicaid is improving access to care in response to COVID-19? Contact DMAS at <https://go.magellanhealth.com/e/703943/contactforms---general/hld1c/104543248?h=mlxkT2QKkLXLC3sFBwo5D70xMq-xufeTNyt5Yq8isas> or [COVID-19@dmass.virginia.gov](mailto:COVID-19@dmass.virginia.gov).

For DBHDS updates and guidance, please visit the DBHDS COVID-19 resource page: <https://go.magellanhealth.com/e/703943/covid19/hld1f/104543248?h=mlxkT2QKkLXLC3sFBwo5D70xMq-xufeTNyt5Yq8isas>

We look forward to speaking with you on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 11 a.m.

In service with you,

The Department of Medical Assistance Services, Division of Behavioral Health