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Facial Covering Requirements

(1) Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic and associated declared state of emergency in Oregon, effective immediately, all licensed chiropractic physicians, certified chiropractic assistants, and preceptor chiropractic interns are required to do the following:

(a) All chiropractic entities must have policies in place requiring all individuals to wear face coverings while in the building and treatment areas;

(b) All licensed chiropractic physicians, certified chiropractic assistants, and preceptor chiropractic interns are required to wear a face coverings (that cover the nose and mouth) at all times while providing patient care. Medical grade masks should be prioritized, as they offer both source control and protection from potentially infectious droplets, splashes, or sprays;

(c) Licensees and certificate holders shall utilize proper hand sanitization and appropriately disinfect treatment room surfaces and equipment that comes into contact with patients.; and

(d) Licensees and certificate holders may consider the addition of eye protection during patient care.

(2) Face coverings are defined as facemasks, facial shields, medical grade masks, and face coverings that are used in a medical setting.

(3) In regards to face covering requirements, the chiropractic entity should review state and federal disabilities laws, including the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA) which protects people with disabilities from discrimination in employment and requires employers to engage in the interactive process, for accommodations to be made. In addition, please refer to the Governor's Executive Orders and OHA public health guidance.

(4) Failure to abide by the requirements of this rule may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

(5) This rule shall remain in effect so long as the associated declared state of emergency is in effect. When the declared state of emergency is not in effect, this rule will not be effective.