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SUBJECT: Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance

Dear California Acupuncture Board Licensees:

As the public health battle against COVID-19 continues, your help in slowing the spread is critical. COVID-19 affects us all -- friends, family, neighbors and coworkers. That's why it so important that we wear a mask, wash our hands, maintain physical distancing and don't gather with people we don't live with.

Most recently, the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) issued updated testing guidance. The guidance outlines different tiers to help determine who should be tested given the current context of the COVID-19 pandemic in California. We encourage you to review this guidance and assist in testing by ensuring your patients who need to be are tested.

You can access the new <u>COVID-19 Industry Guidance for testing</u> on CDPH's website.

DCA has developed a testing priority flyer to be placed in provider offices. You can download and print the flyer here.

Please ensure you are following the guidance provided by CDPH and your local county requirements. For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and best practices on preventing its spread visit the covid19.ca.gov website.

DCA maintains a list of <u>waivers and guidance</u> on their Coronavirus page at <u>www.dca.ca.gov</u>. Specific information for Acupuncture Board licensees and stakeholders can be found on our webpage at <u>www.acupuncture.ca.gov</u>.

Online Resources and Services

To help support physical distancing, we encourage our stakeholders to continue to take advantage of our online resources and services:

 Conduct a <u>license search</u>, file a <u>complaint</u>, find approved continuing education courses, download forms and applications, and more. Our

- online services are always available and improving. Online renewals with credit card processing coming soon!
- Review the <u>Laws and Regulations Relating to the Practice of Acupuncture</u> online, or download the pdf. Acupuncture licensees, students, training programs, and continuing education providers have a responsibility and an obligation to comply with these requirements at all times.
- Contact us. Visit our <u>Contact Us</u> page to find contact information for our services, including the phone tree map to go straight to where you want to go.

The Board remains committed to updating its stakeholders and maintaining safe delivery of its programs and services.

Thank you for doing your part in helping California slow the spread of COVID-19. Our collective actions will save lives.

Sincerely,

The California Acupuncture Board