



# MARYLAND Department of Health

## Board of Acupuncture Reopening Your Practice in Maryland - Requirements

### REMINDER

According to Secretary Nealls' amended Directive and Order regarding the resumption of elective and non-urgent medical procedures on May 7, ALL of the following measures must be in place:

1. Licensed healthcare providers shall exercise their independent professional judgment in determining what procedures are appropriate to perform, which appointments should occur, and which patients to see in light of widespread COVID- 19 community transmission.
2. Any licensed healthcare facility or healthcare provider resuming elective and non-urgent medical procedures shall have at least one week's supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for themselves, staff, and as appropriate, for patients.

III. Social distancing requirements must be strictly maintained in all settings where people must wait in order to minimize direct contact between individuals within the healthcare setting and use of non-traditional alternatives is encouraged (e.g., call ahead registration; waiting in a car until called).

1. All healthcare workers, patients, and others must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival for shift or visit. Staff must stay home if they are showing COVID-19 symptoms.
2. All healthcare facilities and healthcare providers must plan for and implement enhanced workplace infection control measures in accordance with the most current CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control.html>
3. Any healthcare facility or healthcare provider who is unable to provide PPE for themselves, staff, and patients where appropriate shall immediately restrict operations to urgent and non-elective procedures and appointments.
4. Certification and Other Matters
5. A healthcare facility's managing authority or the responsible healthcare provider shall certify to MDH via [secretary.health@maryland.gov](mailto:secretary.health@maryland.gov) that all of the above conditions for resumption of elective and non-urgent medical procedures have been met prior to resuming operations. A copy of this self-certification notice shall be posted prominently in the facility for the attention of patients and staff.

6. Complaints about a healthcare facility's implementation of these measures may be directed to the Office of Health Care Quality at <https://health.maryland.gov/ohcq/Pages/Complaints.aspx>. A healthcare provider's failure to comply with the terms of this order shall be considered to constitute unprofessional conduct, and written complaints about such failures may be directed to the appropriate health occupation board.

III. MDH does not construe the immunity provisions in Pub. Safety Art. § 14- 3A-06 or Health Gen. Art. § 18-907 to apply to a healthcare provider or facility performing non-COVID-19 related procedures or appointments.