



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health
& Developmental Disabilities

Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner

Office of the Commissioner

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) is a State Agency authorized by Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to, “[e]stablish, administer, and supervise the state programs for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases.” DBHDD contracts with providers to render healthcare to individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases. The work conducted by provider staff is specifically listed as a part of the “Critical Infrastructure Workforce” and therefore, our staff is exempt from the Shelter in Place Order signed by Governor Brian Kemp on April 2, 2020 if they are traveling to or from work or conducting official business.

Please note also, that the Governor’s Order suspends “enforcement of all other ordinances and orders” unless they are designed to enforce the Governor’s Order.

While the Governor’s guidance indicates that no documentation is necessary to support that an employee is a part of the “Critical Infrastructure Workforce,” I trust that this letter outlining DBHDD provider staff’s integral functions will suffice to support their need to travel.

Sincerely,

Judy Fitzgerald
April 3, 2020

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Commissioner