



## **FDA Informs Public About Possible Accuracy Concerns with Abbott ID NOW Point-of-Care Test**

On Thursday, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an alert warning that Abbott Laboratories' rapid COVID-19 tests may deliver false negative results. The alert comes after multiple studies have raised questions about the test's accuracy. FDA said the test can still be used, but negative results may need to be confirmed with a separate molecular test.

[\*\*Click Here for More Information\*\*](#)

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## AMENDED SAFER AT HOME

Goes into effect on May 22nd at 5 p.m.  
Ends on July 3rd at 5 p.m.

### NEW UPDATES:

#### **ENTERTAINMENT VENUES (SUCH AS ARCADES, THEATERS, BOWLING ALLEYS)**

Open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### **ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES**

Open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

Open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### **CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES**

Open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### **SUMMER CAMP**

Remain open with rules and guidelines available

## Serological Testing for SARS-CoV-2 Antibodies

The American Medical Association (AMA) issued guidance ([linked here](#)) to help physicians and the public understand potential uses and limitations of antibody testing, and warn against determining immunity or discontinuing physical distancing based on antibody testing.

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## Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application



On Friday, May 15, 2020, the Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application.

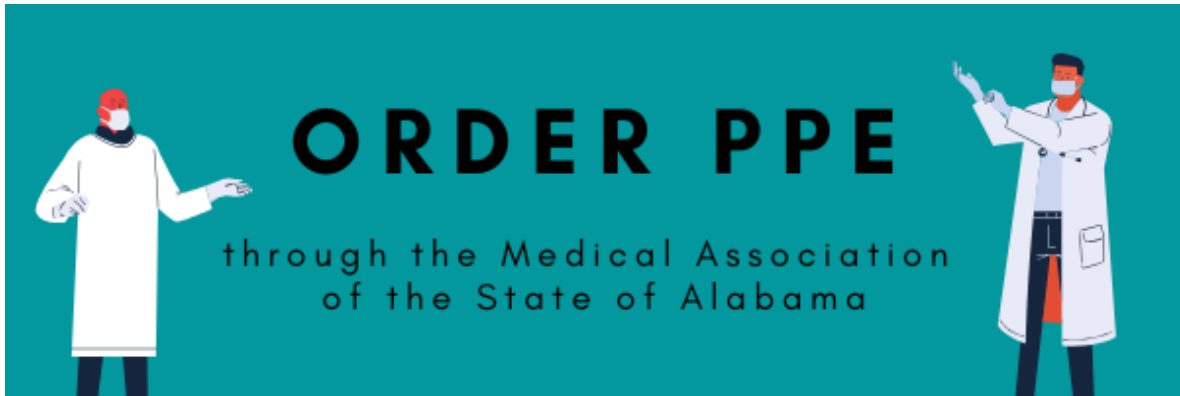
The form and instructions inform borrowers how to apply for forgiveness of their PPP loans, consistent with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The SBA claims they will also soon issue regulations and guidance to further assist borrowers as they complete their applications, and to provide lenders with guidance on their responsibilities.

The form and instructions include several measures to reduce compliance burdens and simplify the process for borrowers, including:

- Options for borrowers to calculate payroll costs using an "alternative payroll covered period" that aligns with borrowers' regular payroll cycles.
- Flexibility to include eligible payroll and non-payroll expenses paid or incurred during the eight-week period after receiving their PPP loan.
- Step-by-step instructions on how to perform the calculations required by the CARES Act to confirm eligibility for loan forgiveness.
- Borrower-friendly implementation of statutory exemptions from loan forgiveness reduction based on rehiring by June 30.
- Addition of a new exemption from the loan forgiveness reduction for borrowers who have made a good-faith, written offer to rehire workers that was declined.

[\*\*Click Here for the Application & Instructions\*\*](#)

# PPE Order Updates



The Medical Association has already placed two orders.  
If you ordered, please [click here for arrival updates](#).

**The next order will be placed on Thursday, May 21st.**

As of today, here is what has been ordered:

Disposable masks - 22,000

Isolation Gowns - 1,720

KN95 Masks - 9,450

[Click here](#) to read frequently asked questions about the make and quality of the PPE.

Any questions? Please email us at [staff@alamedical.org](mailto:staff@alamedical.org).

We will try to respond as promptly as possible.

If you want to place an order but don't meet the \$500 minimum, please email [Meghan Martin](#).

[Learn more](#)

## Final Days to Complete the COVID-19 Physician Impact Survey

Please, take a few minutes and complete the survey right now. By doing so, you are helping better inform and shape the Medical Association's advocacy efforts on COVID-19 related topics such as practice finance issues, loan and grant assistance programs, use of and experiences with telemedicine, and reimbursement issues.

[Participate in the Survey Here.](#)

# COVID-19 QUESTIONS? GET ANSWERS & EARN CME.



As providers, physicians and members of the health care team want to do whatever they can to ensure the health and well-being of their patients. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the practice of medicine is facing challenges in delivering the best care amid government mandates and ever-changing public perceptions of the situation. At the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, we want to help by offering online COVID-19 CME courses (free for members).

Courses include:

- **PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN THE COVID-19 ERA**
- **PPE FOR PHYSICIANS: NEW, USED AND REFRESHED**
- **AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE DOCTOR'S SYMPTOMS OF COVID AND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE PANDEMIC**

#### Credits

The Medical Foundation of Alabama designates this enduring material for a maximum of .25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>®</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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