



## **Medical Association Emphasizes Importance of Physician Supervision to CMS**



The Medical Association is taking a strong stand in support of physician supervision in response to a proposal from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that could set a dangerous precedent in the removal of physician supervision requirements across all health care settings.

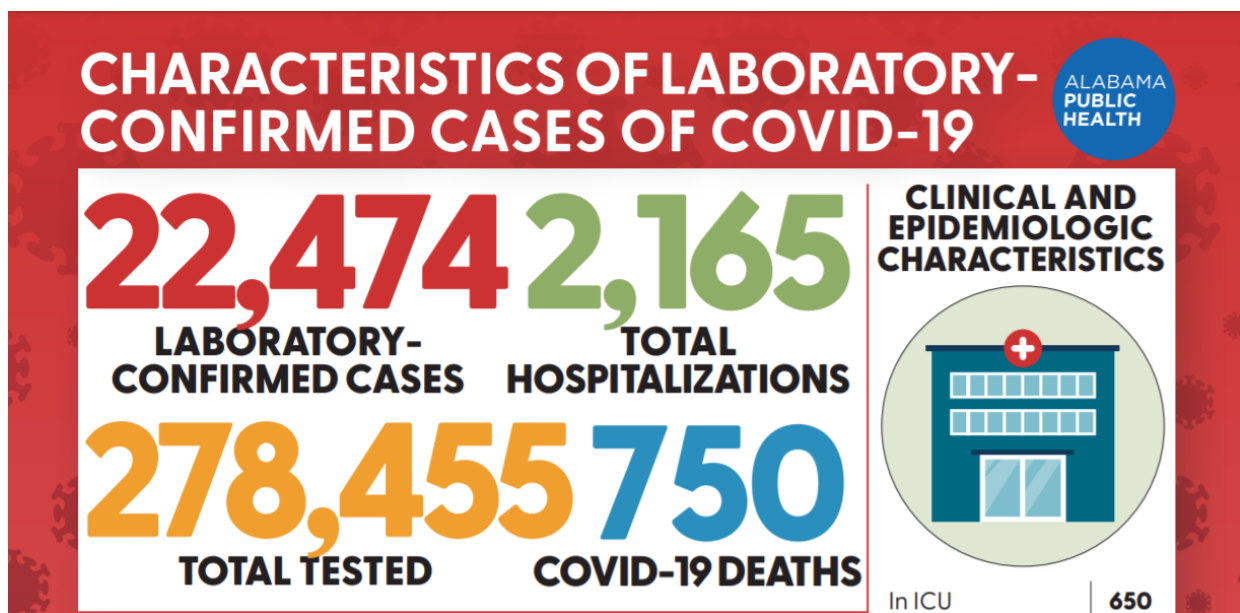
In a letter co-signed by the AMA and other medical associations from across the country, we voiced our opposition to a new proposal that would amend regulations allowing the use of non-physician practitioners (NPPs) to perform Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility services and documentation requirements that are currently required to be performed by rehabilitation physicians.

As we communicated in our letter to CMS Administrator Verma, we believe that relying on physician leadership, including in the IRF setting, is the most effective approach to maximizing the unique and complementary skill sets of all health care professionals on the team to help patients achieve their care goals.

We will continue to provide you updates on our progress with CMS and their proposal.

[View the Letter to CMS Here](#)

## COVID-19 Case Characteristics



The Alabama Department of Public Health has created a PDF of characteristics of laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout the state. You can find information such as confirmed cases, hospitalizations, deaths and more. [For more resources, visit their website.](#)

[See the PDF of COVID-19 Characteristics](#)

**Alabama Medical Association & AMA  
Partner on COVID-19 Survey to  
Help Protect Physicians**



Fellow Alabama physicians,

I would like to encourage you to complete a survey that the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama developed to support you for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey addresses some important issues, including how much time you have spent caring for COVID-19 patients, the availability of PPE, health care staff and patient safety and wellbeing, telehealth, billing and reimbursement, how the pandemic has affected your practice, your expectations for what will transpire over the next several months, the efficacy of the federal relief packages, and “re-opening” barriers.

We will use the results of this survey to advocate on your behalf with legislators, regulators, and other key stakeholders.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. **The deadline to complete the survey is the end of the day on Sunday, June 14.**

Note that results of the numerical survey questions will only be presented in the aggregate, and any open-ended comments that are shared will not include any identifying information.

Contact Mark Jackson with the Medical Association of the State of Alabama ([mjackson@alamedical.org](mailto:mjackson@alamedical.org)) with any questions.

My sincere thanks for everything that you have done to care for your patients during this challenging time – and rest assured that the Medical Association and the AMA will continue to do everything possible to help and protect you.

John S. Meigs, MD  
President

[Click Here to Take the Survey](#)

# Congressional Sign-on Letter Related to Liability Protections

The Medical Association has partnered with the AMA and most national specialties in support of federal legislation to provide liability protections for physicians as a result of the COVID pandemic.

[Click here](#) to see a letter the Medical Association is participating in that is being sent to the Congressional Leadership urging them to include liability protections in the next COVID-19 relief package.

## Hand Sanitizer Solution



The Medical Association has partnered with Blue Ridge Southern Supply, LLC in Georgia to provide a Hand Sanitizer ordering solution.

### Hand Sanitizer Options Available are:

70% Alcohol Gel Hand Sanitizer. Twelve (12), One (1) Liter bottles with pull tab cap. Unscented.

- You must be a Medical Association Member to order

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- Shipping is direct to you from Blue Ridge, GA in 3-4 business days.

If you have issues logging in contact us at 334-954-2500 or [staff@alamedical.org](mailto:staff@alamedical.org).

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Members, [Click here](#) for more information.

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# 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.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama through the joint providership of the Medical Foundation of Alabama and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. The Medical Foundation of Alabama is accredited by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**[HTTPS://WWW.ALAMEDICAL.ORG/COVID19](https://www.alamedical.org/covid19)**

## New PPE Available



**ORDER PPE**

through the Medical Association  
of the State of Alabama



The Medical Association of the State of Alabama and the Charleston County Medical Society in South Carolina are working together to offer Alabama physicians the opportunity to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including disposable masks, N95 masks, disposable gowns and more.

This service is provided through ActionPPE, who has also worked with medical associations in Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah and West Virginia.

- There has been a **20% reduction in the cost of the KN95's** due to the volume of orders being placed through Action PPE.
- Action PPE has **recently added face shields and isolation gowns** to the list of items available to order.
- BRAND NEW - now the **items will be shipped directly to you**. It will no longer have to be shipped to The Medical Association of the State of Alabama and then we have to ship out or deliver.

[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 email [Meghan Martin](#).

[Click Here to Order](#)



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