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TONIGHT: Phone Call with ADPH



The Medical Association and Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) will be hosting a conference call for physicians regarding recent updates on COVID-19. Details on how to join the meeting are below.

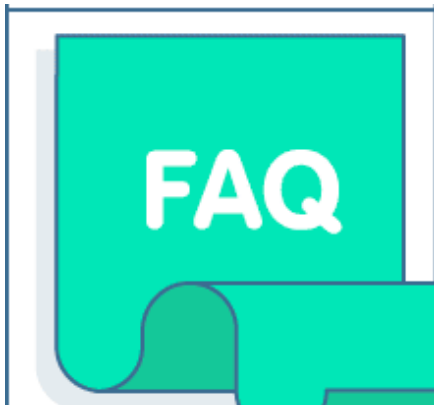
DATE: Tuesday, June 23

TIME: 7:00 PM

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New Telehealth Guidance & Extension

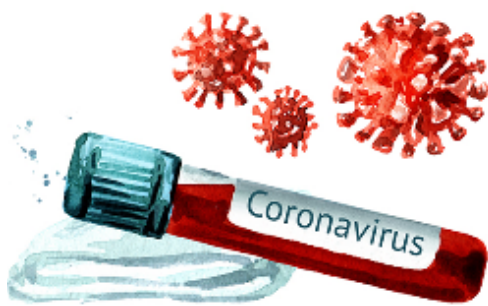


Medicaid: All previously published expiration dates related to the Coronavirus emergency are once again extended by the Alabama Medicaid Agency. The new expiration date is the earlier of July 31, 2020, the conclusion of the COVID-19 National emergency, or any expiration date noticed by Alabama Medicaid through a subsequent ALERT.

BCBS: The expanded Telehealth Coverage Guidelines (effective March 1, 2020) are now extended until July 31, 2020. At this time, only codes in the Billing Guide should be submitted.



Genes, Blood Type & Severe COVID-19

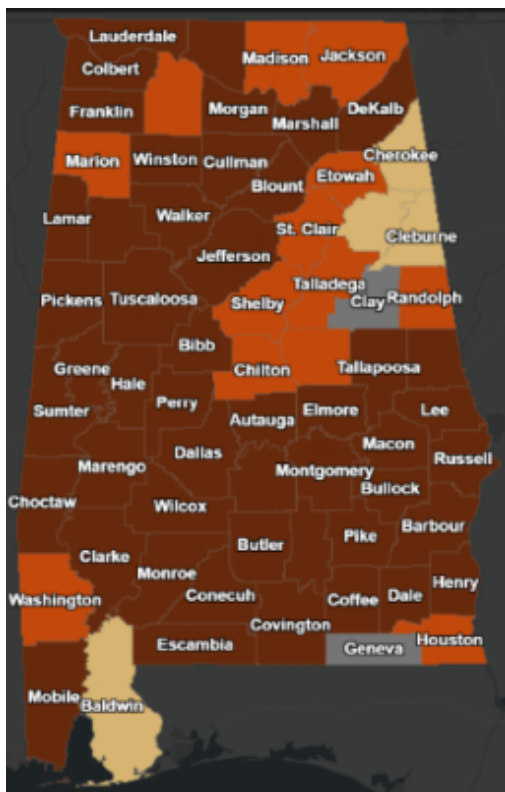


Many people who contract COVID-19 have only a mild illness, or sometimes no symptoms at all. But others develop respiratory failure that requires oxygen support or even a ventilator to help them recover. What genes contribute to the severity of illness? Are those with blood type A more at risk? (Hint: Yes)

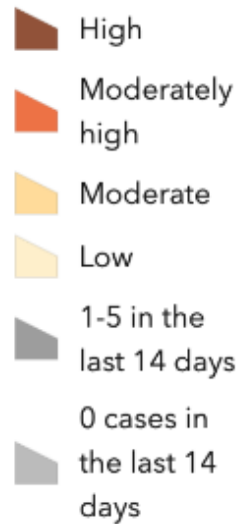
Both [NIH](#) and the [Nature Journal](#) summarize recent studies, including one spearheaded by [23andMe](#).

New Color-Coded Chart of COVID Spread

Alabama health officials are beginning to issue color-coded rankings on the spread of COVID-19 in counties, and on Saturday, much of the state was listed as high or moderately high. The new map is pictured below, and additional info can be read on [Alabama Daily News](#).



COVID-19
Confirmed Rate
Per 100,000
Person in the Last
14 Days



**AMA to Congress: Antibody tests not the
path back to "normal life"**



Serology tests used to detect the presence of COVID-19 antibodies should not be used to guide individual decisions that could put a person at higher risk of exposure and infection. That is the clear message that AMA experts are sending to Congress and the nation.

[The AMA has more - including a video of the full briefing and testing guidelines - at this link.](#)



Need PPE?

More PPE is now available through the Medical Association, including new items like face shields and isolation gowns. And, ordering in bulk means N95 masks are up to 20% off.

[Click here for info.](#)



Sanistrap

SaniStrap contains wristband, two refillable bottles, and one travel size refill bottle. Sanitizer is NOT included in order - liquid gel sanitizer is recommended.

[Click here for info.](#)

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**

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



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