

On behalf of Agency leadership:

As all Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health (BABH) consumers, employees and providers are aware, the COVID-19 Pandemic has required significant flexibility and alteration of routine agency activities during the last three months. These changes have included establishment of expanded infection control protocols, transition of clinical appointments to telehealth or phone basis, implementation of remote work options, closures of BABH office locations and cancellation of governing Board committees and meetings. BABH Leadership has been repeatedly impressed by the professionalism, dedication and commitment displayed by all of our employees and providers during this period.

As Michigan transitions away from “stay home/stay safe” restrictions and permits businesses to reopen with continuation of expanded infection control measures in accordance with Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-97, BABH has developed the following resource documents for employees and providers:

- BABH Recovery from COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan
- FINAL BABH COVID-19 Protocol Directory
- BABH COVID-19 Recovery Plan Matrix
- BABH COVID-19 Workplace Coordinators

These documents outline specific information regarding infection control measures, process for identification of persons impacted by the virus, personal protective equipment, employee risk classifications, and overall recovery/return to work phases consistent with federal and state requirements. These documents and any subsequent revisions will guide all BABH program operations as we transition toward recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please take an opportunity to review and retain this information for future reference as services begin to resume regular operations. Any implementation questions may be directed to your immediate supervisor and, if necessary, to the Pandemic Planning Committee. BABH will be updating these materials as needed and sharing revised versions to all staff. We appreciate your continued patience and thoughtfulness as we move forward together with our communities through these challenging times.