

# COVID-19: What this means for you



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# About Us

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# About Us

- Kid Mechanix:
  - Kid Mechanix Academy
  - Home-Based services
  - School consultations
  - Training and Webinars
- The Bx Resource



# Why We Are Here



Our Goal: To make high-quality ABA programming accessible to as many people as possible.

*Our job is to make yours easier!*

~Shayna & Shira



# What We'll Cover

- How Covid-19 is affecting your business
- Ways to serve your client
- Communication with families



# Business as Usual?

Meanwhile medically necessary  
ABA direct care staff be like:



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# Updates from BACB

- [https://www.bacb.com/bacb-covid-19-updates/?utm\\_source=eblast&utm\\_medium=mailchimp&utm\\_campaign=COVID19\\_ethics\\_3.19.20](https://www.bacb.com/bacb-covid-19-updates/?utm_source=eblast&utm_medium=mailchimp&utm_campaign=COVID19_ethics_3.19.20)



# Guidance for Small Businesses

- In-person events are suspended, but online support is available
  - Parent coaching
  - Direct therapy sessions for those capable
    - IAS
    - Worksheets
    - Check-ins





# Information for Small Businesses

- US – Small Business Administration

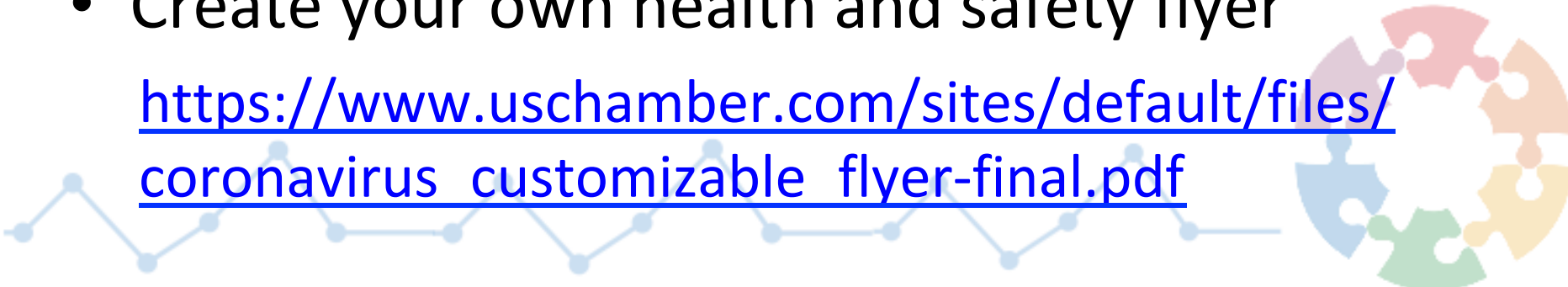
<https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>

- Create your own health and safety flyer

[https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/coronavirus\\_customizable\\_flyer-final.pdf](https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/coronavirus_customizable_flyer-final.pdf)



# How Small Businesses Can Prepare for COVID-19

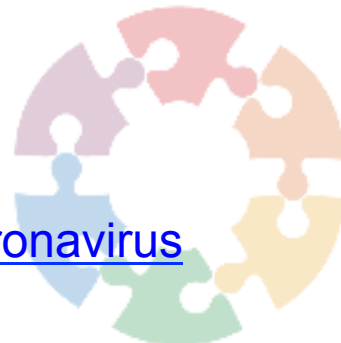
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<https://www.score.org/blog/how-small-businesses-can-prepare-for-coronavirus>
- The following slides are info from this website



# Stay on Top of the News

- It seems to be changing hour by hour these days!!
- World Health Organization
- Center for Disease Control

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# Identify Key Functions and Risks

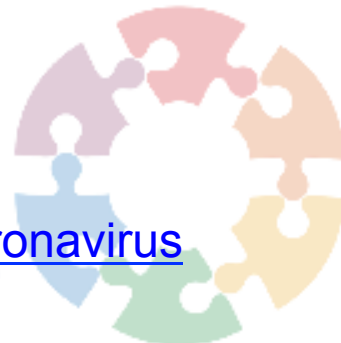
- If you already have a disaster plan, use it
  - We didn't!!!!
- How will you stay open if:
  - Staff are scared
  - Half the staff are out because they are caring for family members
  - Can you outsource? Train someone quickly?
  - Which employees have the critical skills that can't be replaced?

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# Plan for Absenteeism

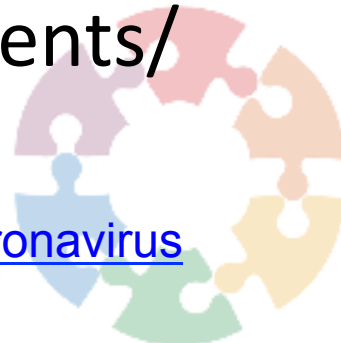
- Cross train employees, supervisors, managers to cover others' jobs
- Any staffing service available to bring on temporary workers?
- Identify positions that could work from home or be outsourced



# Keep Your Workplace Safe

- Practice basic hygiene
- Provide plenty of tissues and hand sanitizer
- Disposable gloves, disinfectant wipes
- Clean surfaces regularly
- Rearrange work spaces for social distancing
  - Is this even possible in your line of work?
- Daily temperature tests of staff and parents/  
clients?

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# Watch for Symptoms

- Symptoms: Fever, cough, shortness of breath
- If workers have mild cold or flu symptoms, send them home
- If an employee is sick at work, sanitize their work area after they go home



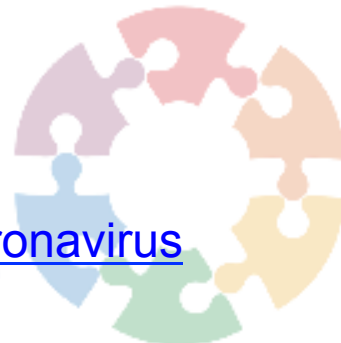
# Work Remotely

- Is it even possible?
- HIPAA compliant video conferencing



- Online parent coaching
- Online – therapy – can it be done?

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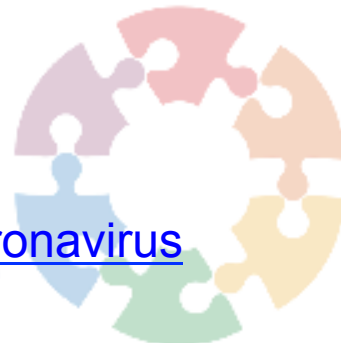




# Check Your Coverage

- Business interruption insurance
- Covers income lost when due to natural disaster
- However, typically there needs to be physical damage to the business
- Talk to your insurance representative re: coverage if COVID-19 forces temporary closure

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# Communicate Continually

- Communication is key to preventing panic
- Ensure that employees and clients clearly understand the reasons for any policies you implement
- Consider the type of communication
  - Sometimes phone calls are better than email
  - “in-person” (i.e., online conferencing) better than old school phone call?
  - 1:1 or group calls?
  - Website communication? Social media?



# Telehealth

- [www.psychnet.apa.org/fulltext/2017-51612-001.html](http://www.psychnet.apa.org/fulltext/2017-51612-001.html)
- Virtual-Care Delivery of Applied Behavior Analysis to Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Related Conditions



# Telehealth

- <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/notification-enforcement-discretion-telehealth/index.html>
- Skype for business
- Updox
- Vsee
- Zoom for healthcare
- Doxy.me
- Google G suite hangouts meet



# Telehealth

- The Daily BA with Tina Patterson
- [https://www.thedailyba.com/episodes/2020/0317/telehealth-aba-services-w/-tina-patterson-med-bcba-lba?fbclid=IwAR0hd879Xh9ARoCUAqwAvd\\_Ax\\_LK\\_Cp5R-bV2Zpjg\\_HOIfFm6AfaU-ieuhvk](https://www.thedailyba.com/episodes/2020/0317/telehealth-aba-services-w/-tina-patterson-med-bcba-lba?fbclid=IwAR0hd879Xh9ARoCUAqwAvd_Ax_LK_Cp5R-bV2Zpjg_HOIfFm6AfaU-ieuhvk)



# Telehealth

- Don't save video files
- Turn off the cloud
- Back up files on hard drive (once a week)
- Consider VPN



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# Questions/Comments

