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The College of Alberta Psychologists	Phone: (780) 424-5070 Toll-free in Alberta: 1-800-659-0857 Email: psych@cap.ab.ca Website: Click here	We have asked our government for a similar authority as Prince Edward Island.
Alabama Board of Examiners of Psychologists	Phone: (334) 224-4127 Email: Psychology.Board@psychology.alabama.gov Website: Click here	1. Yes 2. Yes; guidelines can be found at our website: http://psychology.alabama.gov/emergency.aspx

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Arizona Board of Psychologists Examiners	Phone: (602) 542-8162 Website: Click here	1. The Governor made the declaration on March 11, 2020. 2. Possibly - the Executive Order states: This declaration will provide licensing boards the authority to waive professional licensure requirements, which will support Arizona in maintaining a robust healthcare workforce. 3. Arizona has a statute establishing certain exemptions for licensure including "A person who resides outside of this state and who is currently licensed or certified to practice psychology at the independent level by a licensing jurisdiction of the United States or Canada if the activities and services conducted in this state are within the psychologist's customary area of practice, do not exceed twenty days per year and are not otherwise in violation of this chapter and the client or patient, public or consumer is informed of the limited nature of these activities and services and that the psychologist is not licensed in this state. A person may exceed the twenty-day limitation requirement of this paragraph to assist in public service that is related to a disaster as acknowledged by the board."
Florida Board of Psychology	Phone: (850) 488-0595 Email: info@floridapsychology.gov Website: Click here	Please see the attached Executive Orders and Florida's statutory reference regarding telehealth in response to your inquiries. Additional information is available through Florida's COVID Public Website and Call Center at COVID-19 webpage and by phone to 1 (866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours a day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov .

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Hawaii Board of Psychology	Phone: (808) 586-2704 Email: psychology@dcca.hawaii.gov Website: Click here	Currently we are not in a state of emergency, thus we are business as usual. Lastly, our statutes are silent on the practice of telemedicine, telehealth, or telepsychology. The Board has noted though that the practice if done in Hawaii by a licensee must follow the laws of other jurisdictions where their patient may be.
Idaho Board of Psychological Examiners	Phone: (208) 334-3233 Email: psy@ibol.idaho.gov Website: Click here	1. No 2. No 3. No

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Louisiana Board of Psychologist Examiners	Phone: (225) 925-6511 Email: admin@lsbep@la.gov Website: Click here	1. Yes, the Governor has issued an emergency proclamation. 2. We have statutory and regulatory provisions in place for emergency temporary registrations to provide services gratuitously. That information is available on the home page of our website: www.lsbep.org . An individual must obtain full licensure or a fully vetted (non-emergency) temporary registration to charge fees for services. 3. Yes, any individual who is licensed or registered in Louisiana may provide psychological services to the citizens of Louisiana. Telepsychology does require licensure, but does not currently require a special certification. It is expected that regardless of the mode of delivery of services, psychologists practice within the limits of their competencies and in accordance with any statutory and regulatory requirements, including adherence to the ethics code; and in accordance with guidelines and best practice guidelines adopted by the board.
Psychological Association of Manitoba	Phone: (204) 487-0784 Email: pam@mymts.net Website: Click here	On a time limited basis (TBD) MB has extended our temporary practice time frame to 60 days (from 30) to accommodate needs secondary to COVID-19.

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Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists	Phone: (410) 764-4787 Email: mdh.psychologyboard@maryland.gov Website: Click here	1. Yes 2. Not at this time 3. Yes. We have a temporary practice application for out-of-state psychologists seeking permission to practice in person or by telepsychology for a brief time and a specific reason.
Michigan Board of Psychology	Phone: (517) 335-0918 Email: BHCSHelp@michigan.gov Website: Click here	1. Yes 2. Not at this time as the state response is fluid. 3. Not at this time as the state response is fluid.
Minnesota Board of Psychology	Phone: (612) 617-2230 Email: psychology.board@state.mn.us Website: Click here	1. Not at this time. 2. N/A 3. Yes, Minnesota has a 30 day carve out in statute for psychologists not looking to become licensed in the state, but are looking to provide continuity of care for people temporarily in Minnesota or who recently moved to Minnesota and need some care while transitioning to a Minnesota licensed psychologist.

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Missouri State Committee of Psychologists	Phone: (573) 751-0099 Email: scop@pr.mo.gov Website: Click here	1. Not at this time 2. N/A 3. Here is the exemption statute (5) The practice of psychology in the state of Missouri for a temporary period by a person who resides outside the state of Missouri, and who is licensed or certified to practice psychology in another state and conducts the major part of his or her practice outside the state. The temporary period shall not exceed ten consecutive business days in any period of ninety days, nor in the aggregate exceed fifteen business days in any nine-month period;
College of Psychologists of New Brunswick	Phone: (506) 382-1994 Email: admin@cpnb.ca Website: Click here	1. No 2. N/A 3. Yes

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New Jersey Board of Psychological Examiners	Phone: (973) 504-6470 Website: click here	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Division of Consumer Affairs, which houses the NJ Board of Psychological Examiners is still operational as of this email. The NJ Governor did declare a state of emergency earlier this week. 2. N/A 3. Yes. The law allows for an exemption for individuals who hold a valid license, in good standing, in other jurisdictions to practice temporarily for a period not to exceed 90 days. This permission extends for no more than 10 consecutive business days or no more than 15 days within that 90-day period. This request must come before us before any out-of-state licensee engages in the provision of services. Individuals can submit such a request directly to the Board at this address: State Board of Psychological Examiners, PO Box 45017, Newark, NJ 07101. To consider the request we need to see a letter of request outlining the type of practice, a copy of resume or curriculum vitae, and a copy of their current out-of-state license. Requests can also be faxed to my attention (Indira Nunez) at (973) 792-4269.

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New York State Board for Psychology	Phone: (518) 474-3717, ext 150 Email: psychbd@nysed.gov Website: Click here	1. The Governor has declared a state of emergency that lasts a short time and has to be renewed for orders to last beyond the emergency. 2. The original order permitted the use of unlicensed persons in proven need. 3. This does not appear to include interjurisdictional telepsychology practice. 4. Those employed by settings regulated by the Office of Mental Hygiene To do telepractice must be licensed by NYS, meet the confidentiality requirements, send a report of service to a particular person, and use certain insurance designations.
North Carolina Psychology Board	Phone: (828) 262-2258 Email: info@ncpsychologyboard.org Website: Click here	1. Yes 2. No 3. We have a five and thirty day temporary licenses for out of state psychologists with an abbreviated application process who want to telepsych into NC.
Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology	Phone: (902) 423-2238 Email: nsbep@nsbep.org Website: http://www.nsbep.org/	1. Not yet 2. 3. We have an existing Memorandum of Understanding with three of our neighboring provinces (New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador) that provides a few simple steps to allow telepsychology between each province. We also have a courtesy registry that allows for 15 (and up to 30) days of telepsychology or in person psychology (requires appropriate liability insurance and full registration with no sanctions in home province).

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Ohio State Board of Psychology	Phone: (614) 466-8808 Email: info@psy.ohio.gov Website: Click here	1. Yes, declared by governor. 2. Not yet. 3. Yes. We have an application process for out-of-state psychologists seeking permission to practice telepsychology up to 30 days for the purpose of continuity of care with their current clients who are temporarily in Ohio.
Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists	Phone: (405) 522-1333 Website: Click here	1. No, not yet. 2. N/A 3. Our law allows individuals whom are licensed in another state to practice up to five days in Oklahoma, provided that they inform the Board prior to providing services.
Oregon Board of Psychology	Phone: (503) 378-4154 Email: psychology.board@state.or.us Website: Click here	Oregon is the same as Ohio.

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Prince Edward Island Psychologists Regulation Board	Phone: (902) 566-0549 Website: Click here	Update from Prince Edward Island as of today,16 March: During the time of the COVID-19 health crisis, psychologists registered in jurisdictions outside of Atlantic Canada (and who are not eligible for practice into PEI as part of the Atlantic Telepsychology MOU) who are continuing, or renewing, a professional relationship with a client who has moved to PEI are eligible for a "Special Certificate" permitting telepsychology practice into PEI with that client. The "Special Certificate" will be granted upon simple notification to the PEIPRB Registrar with the psychologist's contact information and home jurisdiction registration number; no application form or fee is required.
Rhode Island Board of Psychology	Phone: (401) 222-5960 Email: Website: Click here	RI responds: 1) YES 2) NO 3) Yes, please read below. It is the determination of the RI Board of Psychology that a RI licensed psychologist may practice Tele-Health in RI as Tele-Health is considered to be within the scope of practice for psychologists. RI also allows a psychologist licensed in another state to practice in RI for 10

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Rhode Island Board of Psychology <i>(Continued)</i>		<p>days per calendar year, per RI General Law (RIGL) 5-44-23 (h) in RI. At this time the Board would consider contact by a psychologist licensed in another state with a patient physically located in RI as 1 day counted toward that limit. Associated with this provision, a psychologist licensed and physically located in another state may practice Tele-Health from their home state to a patient / client physically located in RI.</p> <p>Please also find a link for an Application, should you choose to seek a RI license for future use.</p> <p>RIGL http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE5/5-44/INDEX.HTM</p> <p>Rules & Regulations https://risos-apa-production-public.s3.amazonaws.com/DOH/REG_9966_20180811131746.pdf</p> <p>Application http://www.health.ri.gov/applications/Psychologist.pdf</p>

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Saskatchewan College of Psychologists	Phone: (306) 352-1699 Email: skcp@sasktel.net Website: Click here	1. No 2. N/A 3. If this was a reality the College would most likely look to be flexible and have a common sense approach – we do have temp. licensure for psychologists licensed in Canada, and of course we have the mobility agreement for Canadian registrants who wish a full license – we do not currently have a mechanism for expedited admission for psychologists licensed in the USA.
South Dakota Board of Examiners of Psychologists	Phone: (605) 642-1660 Email: proflic@rushmore.com Website: Click here	1. No 2. 3. Please see the following Statute. Temporary practice is currently allowed in South Dakota. However, telepsychology is not specifically addressed under South Dakota law. 36-27A-2. Exempt persons. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to the following persons: (4) Persons who are not residents of this state, and who have not established offices in this state, who render psychological services in this state for a period which does not exceed an aggregate of more than twenty days during any one year, if they are authorized under the laws of the state or country of their residence to perform these activities and services. If a provider exceeds ten consecutive days of practice in this state in any calendar year the provider shall report to the board, in writing, the nature and extent of the provider's practice in this state;

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Tennessee Board of Examiners of Psychology	Phone: (615) 741 5735 or 1-800-778-4123 Website: Click here	4. Yes 5. Yes, if the licensee is assisting in the medical response to COVID-19 6. No
Texas Board of Examiners of Psychologists	Phone: (512) 305-7700 Email: scop@pr.mo.gov Website: Click here	1. Yes, as of Friday, March 13 th 2. Not automatically, but agencies may request suspension of statutes and rules that could hinder responding to the declared disaster. I have requested the suspension of most of our temporary license rules to expedite the emergency licensure of out-of-state licensed providers in Texas. 3. See previous response.
Utah Psychology Licensing Board	Phone: (801) 530-6628 Toll-Free: (866) 275-3675 Website: Click here	1. Yes 2. Utah Code 58-1-307 (4) Upon the declaration of a national, state, or local emergency, a public health emergency as defined in Section 26-23b-102, or a declaration by the president of the United States or other federal official requesting public health-related activities, the division in collaboration with the board may: (a) suspend the requirements for permanent or temporary licensure of individuals who are licensed in another state for the duration of the emergency while engaged in the scope of practice for which they are licensed in the other state;

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Virginia Board of Psychology	Phone: (804) 367-4697 Email: psy@dhp.virginia.gov Website: Click here	1. Virginia has not yet declared a state of emergency. 2. N/A 3. We do not allow temporary practice.
Washington State Examining Board of Psychology	Phone: (360) 236-4700 Email: hsga.csc@doh.wa.gov Website: Click here	1. Yes, on February 29, 2020 2. Not yet, although things are changing daily. 3. Two Options: 1) Temporary Practice Permit a. No fee for permit b. 90 calendar (not consecutive) days within one year from date of issuance c. Includes telehealth services d. Available to those with a full psychologist license in a substantially equivalent state or who meet other qualifying criteria 2) Emergency Volunteer Healthcare Providers
West Virginia Board of Examiners of Psychologists	Phone: (304) 558-3040 Email: psychbd@wv.gov Website: Click here	4. No 5. 6. We do have a 10 day permit for those with a psychology license in another state.

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