

On April 15, 2020, the Kansas State Board of Examiners in Optometry reminded Kansas licensed optometrists of the definitions contained within [K.S.A. 65-1516, Professional incompetence and unprofessional conduct](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic based on information from the US Centers for Disease Control, the American Optometric Association, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Since that time, all the above organizations have revised their policies. Based on recommendations from these same organizations, Kansas Doctors of Optometry may resume non-emergent/non-urgent care on May 4, 2020 *provided that they adhere to their local community standards and to recommendations made by their local and state health departments*. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, doctors should remember that the Kansas Optometry Act continues to regulate the practice of optometry, including sections related to standards of care and professional conduct.

Information on office protocols for optometric practice during the COVID-19 pandemic can be found here:

[Kansas Optometric Association COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines for Optometrists](#)

[American Optometric Association – Optometry Practice Reactivation Preparedness Guide](#)

[Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Recommendations Re-opening Facilities to Provide Non-emergent Non-COVID-19 Healthcare: Phase I](#)