



California Office of Oral Health COVID-19

Resources Local Oral Health Programs

The Office of Oral Health created this list of website resources to help local oral health programs respond to questions that arise from dental patients and providers during the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage you to check resource websites frequently for new updates.

FOR PATIENTS WITH DENTAL QUESTIONS

ADA Patient Guidance on Dental Appointments ([MouthHealthy.org/virus](https://www.mouthhealthy.org/virus))

On March 16, 2020, the American Dental Association (ADA) called on dentists nationwide to postpone non-urgent dental procedures for three weeks in order to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The site helps patients understand how this guidance may affect their dental appointment and how to tell what to consider a dental emergency:

https://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/dental-care-concerns/covid-19?utm_source=mouthhealthy&utm_medium=mouthhealthyhomerotator&utm_content=covid-19-mh&utm_campaign=covid-19

ADA Brochure: What is a Dental Emergency?

This PDF document provides guidance in a side-by-side format to help patients determine what constitutes a dental emergency and what dental care to reschedule for a later time:

https://success.ada.org/~//media/CPS/Files/COVID/ADA_DentalEmerg_Patient_Flyer.pdf?utm_source=mouthhealthy&utm_medium=covid-19-mh&utm_content=cv-pm-emerg-def-patients-mh&utm_campaign=covid-19

ADA Statement on Coronavirus and Dental Appointments

The ADA is recommending that dentists nationwide postpone elective procedures in response to the spread of the coronavirus disease, COVID-19, across the country:

<https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2020-archive/march/ada-recommending-dentists-postpone-elective-procedures>

ADA: Infection Control in the Dental Office

Infection control procedures are actions taken in health care settings to prevent the spread of disease. This site provides patients detailed information on procedures to control infection in the dental office.

<https://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/az-topics/i/infection-control>

FOR GENERAL COVID-19 UPDATES

State of California Coronavirus 2019 Updates

This site provides the latest official State updates and information related to the current coronavirus pandemic:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/>

[CDPH COVID-19 Updates \(cdph.ca.gov/covid19\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx)

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) website that provides the latest CDPH news releases and alerts on coronavirus (COVID-19). The site also provides current update on COVID-19 statistics for California and links to helpful guidance documents for a variety of sectors.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

Stay Home Order

On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California signed the Executive Order requiring Californians to follow the Department of Public Health directive to stay at home, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors. The following links provide the English and Spanish language versions of the Executive Order:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#top> (English)

<https://covid19.ca.gov/quedese-en-casa-excepto-por-necesidades-esenciales/> (Spanish)

CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019

This website is the home page of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and provides updates, statistics, and links to CDC guidance statements on coronavirus in the United States:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

FOR DENTAL PROVIDERS

CDC Recommendation: Postpone Non-Urgent Dental Procedures, Surgeries, and Visits

On March 26, 2020, CDC released a statement recommending that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, and prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures now and for the coming several weeks. The CDC statement aligns with American Dental Association recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The CDC statement is available here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/statement-COVID.html>

ADA Coronavirus Center for Dentists (ADA.org/virus)

The American Dental Association Coronavirus Center for Dentists website provides resources for dentists, including relevant news, updates, and guidance regarding coronavirus disease 2019:

<https://success.ada.org/en/practice-management/patients/infectious-diseases-2019-novel-coronavirus>

ADHA COVID-19 Updates for Dental Hygienists

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) website provides updates on COVID-19 related guidance and policies for dental hygienists:

<https://www.adha.org/covid19>

CDA Coronavirus Resources

The California Dental Association (CDA) Coronavirus Resources website provides timely and relevant information for California dentists:

<https://www.cda.org/Home/News-and-Events/COVID-19-coronavirus-Updates>

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CDC Hand Hygiene Guidelines

This website provides CDC answers to frequently asked questions about hand hygiene for healthcare personnel in response to COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/hcp-hand-hygiene-faq.html>

Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Resources for Employers and Workers (including healthcare workers)

The Labor & Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) provides guidance on resources available for employees and employers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019/>

CalOSHA Guidance on Requirements to Protect Workers from Coronavirus

Workplace safety and health regulations in California require employers to protect workers exposed to airborne infectious diseases such as the coronavirus. Cal/OSHA has posted guidance to help employers comply with these safety requirements and to provide workers information on how to protect themselves:

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Health-Care-General-Industry.html>

CalOSHA Guide to Aerosol Transmissible Diseases

The Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health published the California Workplace Guide to Aerosol Transmissible Diseases, January 2020. The publication is designed to assist employers with meeting the requirements of the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) standard to reduce the risk of ATD infection to their employees, including meeting PPE and safety plan requirements:

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.dir.ca.gov_dosh_dosh-5Fpublications_ATD-2DGuide.pdf&d=DwIF-g&c=Lr0a7ed3egkbwePCNW4ROg&r=yaNKaJ4Kd7qxTvbFI5Z9Zf56SQYJnXmxHmUATKthsw4&m=mzaAlt6ptrF9A43Fm7QZPdO4roTt0LfjYwHL-9Q77kQ&s=AGSIvBfFoU_aiqcYVJY7RkYW3Q8kucXo7N3KnHLXln8&e=

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) disinfectants for use against SARS-CoV-2c

This list includes products that meet EPA's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes the disease COVID-19:

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

HRSA Health Center Resources

HRSA is working to keep health centers and Health Center Program partners updated on the latest information regarding the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). All COVID-19 information for health centers will appear on this page, and we will update resources as they become available:

<https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response>