



Resource Guide for the Dental Office COVID-19

American Dental Hygienists Association

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<u>Resource</u>	<u>About</u>
ADHA Interim Guidance on Return to Work (updated August 7, 2020)	This report provides evidence-based guidance for dental hygienists and will be continually updated as a living resource for the profession. It also includes a Readiness to Return to Work Checklist and Patient Questionnaire.

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<p>ADA's Advisory Task Force for Dental Practice Recovery has developed this free toolkit with interim guidance which recommends measures to take to help protect patients, staff and dentists from COVID-19 as dental practices re-engage in providing the full range of oral health care.</p> <p>The toolkit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sample letter to patients• Guidance on pre-appointment screening• In-office patient registration procedures• Reception area preparation strategies• Chairside checklist• Staff protection strategies• Supplies shopping list <p>Return to Work Interim Guidance Toolkit (July 23, 2020)</p>	<p>The ADA's Advisory Task Force on Dental Practice Recovery, which began meeting in April, has the overall goal of helping dentists get back to serving their communities while protecting patients, office staff and themselves.</p> <p>The task force consists of practicing dentists with support from ADA experts in science, practice, law, regulation and other key areas. The co-chairs are Drs. Rudy Liddell, chair of the ADA Council on Dental Practice, and Kirk M. Norbo, 16th District trustee.</p> <p>*To receive a toolkit, you will need to provide name and email. They will email you a link to download.</p>
<p><u>Webinar: Respiratory Protection in the Era of COVID-19.</u></p>	<p>The American Dental Association (ADA) has collaborated with Organization for Safety, Asepsis, and Prevention (OSAP)</p>

	<p>for a webinar presentation on respiratory protection. The presenters were Kathy Eklund and Eve Cuny. The webinar focuses on the steps necessary to introduce the use of the N95 respirator and other respirators into the dental office. It provides practical tips for developing the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-required respiratory protection program, including fit-testing, medical evaluation and training. Different levels of surgical masks and how they compare to N95 respirators are reviewed. In addition, the course describes the proper steps for donning and doffing of all PPE.</p> <p>*Non-dentists and non-members are welcome to take this course. You'll be asked for an ADA Login when registering. Creating an account is free and does not require membership. Follow the links below to create an account. Non-dentists can create accounts HERE.</p>
Mask and Face Shield Guidelines	
Understanding Masks	
American Dental Association Recovery Task Force Releases Hazard Assessment Guide, Checklist	<p>The ADA News (5/26, Solana) reports that the ADA Advisory Task Force on Dental Practice Recovery has released a hazard assessment guide and checklist (must log on to access)</p>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

General COVID-19 [Updates](#)

[EMAIL](#) and/or call CDC at: 1-800-232-4636

<u>Resource</u>
CDC. About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response (last updated August 4, 2020)
CDC guidelines for donning and doffing PPE (OU Medicine)
Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Webinar slides (June 3, 2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity's Alberto Garcia, MS, a mechanical engineer for the organization, highlighted some important guidelines for dental practices currently treating patients
CDC Releases Interim Reopening Guidance for Dental Settings -(August 4, 2020)

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

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https://www.osha.gov/	<p>How to File a Safety and Health Complaint</p> <p>You (or your representative) have the right to file a confidential safety and health complaint and request an OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there is a serious hazard or if you think your employer is not following OSHA standards. The complaint should be filed as soon as possible after noticing the hazard. A signed complaint is more likely to result in an onsite inspection.</p> <p>How to File a Whistleblower Complaint</p> <p>You have the right to file a whistleblower complaint with OSHA if you believe your employer retaliated against you for exercising your rights as an employee under the whistleblower protection laws enforced by OSHA. See the Whistleblower Protection Program website to learn more.</p> <p>For more information and to file a complaint click HERE.</p>

<u>Guidance for Dentistry Workers and Employers</u>	This section provides guidance for dentistry workers and employers. This guidance supplements the general interim guidance for workers and employers of workers at increased risk of occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2.
<u>U.S. Department of Labor- Keeping Dental Industry Practitioners Safe-</u> May 11, 2020	The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued an alert listing safety tips employers can follow to help protect dental industry workers from exposure to the coronavirus.

Oklahoma Resources

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Oklahoma State Department of Health <u>https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/</u>	Frequently updated COVID statistics and data visualization for Oklahoma.
Oklahoma Dental Association <u>https://www.okda.org/covid-19</u>	ODA President Dr. Paul Mullasseril president@okda.org
Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry <u>https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/</u>	Director- Susan Rogers susan.rogers@dentistry.ok.gov File a complaint <u>HERE</u>
Oklahoma Dental Hygienists' Association <u>https://okdha.org/covid19/</u>	ODHA President Holly Abbott, RDH,BS president@okdha.org
Oklahoma PPE & Supply Source Directory <u>https://www.okcommerce.gov/ppe-source-directory/</u>	Launched on May 1, the Oklahoma PPE & Supply Source Directory now features 87 companies, with 42 being Oklahoma manufacturers or suppliers. Some Oklahoma companies have retooled their production during this crisis to be able to offer personal protective equipment (PPE)

	<p>and other medical supplies.</p> <p>Oklahoma companies that manufacture or supply PPE and other needed supplies can fill out the form on the Commerce PPE webpage to be considered for inclusion. After a brief vetting process through OMA, the companies will be added to the list.</p>
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****Local Advocacy****

- 1) Continue to contact state and local elected officials by email, phone, and letters voicing concerns
 - a) Governor Kevin Stitt 405-521-2342
 - b) OSHA 405-231-5351
 - c) OK State Department of Health 405-271-5600 or 800-522-0203
 - d) [Find your legislator here](#)
- 2) Email OK Board of Dentistry Director, Susan Rogers
susan.rogers@dentistry.ok.gov
- 3) Document:
 - a) Every aspect of patient appointment (e.g. health history, hand instrumentation/ultrasonic, prophylaxis cup/toothbrush polishing, etc.)
 - b) Pertinent conversations with employers if you have concerns about CDC/OSHA violations

On-Demand Webinars and Other Helpful Links

[Fitzhugh Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity \(Mullan Institute\)](#) (May 17, 2020)

This Webinar examines the implications of COVID-19 for the oral health workforce. Speakers address the impact of COVID-19 on dental practices, share innovations - including teledentistry and integrated oral health, primary care, and public health - and discuss implications and policy needs for future practice to ensure oral health care access.

[Tribal Oral Health Services During COVID-19](#) (May 28, 2020)

This webinar, hosted by the National Indian Health Board and the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board, will provide an overview of current dental clinic best practices within the Indian health system, including guidance from the CDC. Oral health practitioners from two Tribes in Oklahoma will speak on how their clinics are operating during the global pandemic, steps they are taking to protect patients and providers as facilities begin to resume normal operations, services they are offering through virtual tele-dentistry, and how they are managing reimbursement and third party billing issues

Refresher: Know the Science: 9 Questions to Help You Make Sense of Health Research
<https://www.nccih.nih.gov/health/know-science/make-sense-health-research>

[Coronavirus Overview for Dental Professionals](#)-Dimensions of Dental Hygiene-April 21, 2020

[Key Components of COVID-19 Prevention](#)- Dimensions of Dental Hygiene (Updated daily)

[Rural Health Information Hub](#)-Rural Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)