

COVID-19 UPDATE: NEW – NDBODE Recommendation Extended, NDBODE/NDDA Dental Office Reopening Task Force, and Forthcoming NDDA Reopening Practice Guidance

In this update we will be covering the following items which will be discussed at length below:

1. NDBODE Practice Recommendations extended through April 30, 2020
2. NDBODE/NDDA Dental Office Reopening Task Force
3. Forthcoming NDDA Reopening Practice Guidance

If you missed our update last Friday on April 10, 2020 and would like to see it, please click [here](#).

NDBODE Practice Recommendations extended through April 30, 2020

The NDBODE has extended their recommendation of “dental practitioners within the state, to discontinue providing routine, non-essential, and elective procedures **through the end of the business day April 30, 2020...** During this time all practitioners must continue to provide patients emergency care.” **On Monday, April 27, 2020 at 8:00AM CDT, NDBODE will meet to extend, lift or adjust this guidance.**

NDBODE/NDDA Dental Office Reopening Task Force

The NDBODE has asked for the support and partnership of the NDDA to help draft guidance around the safe and healthy practice of dentistry in North Dakota. **A task force has been formed and will be co-chaired by Dr. Otto Dohm of the NDBODE and Dr. Jackie Nord of the NDDA.** These co-chairs along with our central staff and other NDDA leadership/experts will evaluate the practice of dentistry in North Dakota and the proper guidelines and measures for the safe and healthy practice in our state. **This guidance and suggestions will be presented to the full NDBODE for their potential adoption through a full board vote on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 8:00AM CDT.** We hope to provide content and drafts of potential comment as early as mid-next week for your review and preparation in your practices. **To be clear, nothing will be finalized prior to the Monday, April 27, 2020 at 8:00AM CDT special meeting and full vote of the NDBODE.**

Forthcoming NDDA Reopening Practice Guidance

At the NDDA, our number one priority is the health and safety of our dentists, your staff and most importantly your patients. While the guidance coming from the NDBODE/NDDA Dental Office Reopening Task Force will center around the healthy and safe practice of dentistry in our state, we also understand you will have many questions and action items to prepare for the opening of your offices at a future date. **The NDDA is currently working on a “Next Steps” and “Important Things to Review in Your Practice,” prior to your offices operating again.** We are gathering resources, documentation and best practices for you to review in your time in preparation for doing what you do best, which is providing North Dakotans with the best oral healthcare possible. **Please be on the lookout for these documents coming early next week.**