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North Dakota Dental Association prioritizes patient safety during COVID-19 pandemic
North Dakota dental offices encouraged to implement state and federal regulations

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA (April 1, 2020) – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the [North Dakota Dental Association](#) (NDDA) and local dental societies are encouraging dental offices throughout North Dakota to implement the recommendations of the [Center for Disease Control](#), the [American Dental Association](#), state and federal authorities. Each dental practice across the state faces difficult decisions on how to handle the pandemic and this response offers guidance and serves as part of NDDA’s unwavering commitment to the overall health and well-being of patients and their families and health care workers on the front line.

To keep patients safe, the NDDA has recommended temporarily postponing non-urgent dental care. Dentists across the state will be available for patients who have emergency dental needs. If patients need assistance, they should call the dental office’s emergency phone number or leave a voicemail indicating they need urgent care. Additionally, dental specialists are available to provide urgent care.

The dental community adheres to the highest standards of disinfection and sterilization in our practices in order to ensure the safety of our patients. “We are doing all we can to help limit the chances for community spread of COVID-19 and conserving personal protective equipment,” Dr. Steven Deisz, NDDA representative, said. “With the help of the Department of Health and the North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners, we continue to monitor the ever-changing situation and will keep our members across the state updated on new developments to ensure that each dental office can make decisions on how to proceed while keeping patients, staff and our communities safe.”

“It is a great privilege to be part of the dental community in North Dakota and together, North Dakota can successfully navigate these challenging times,” Deisz said. For more information, please go to www.smilenorthdakota.org or contact your dentist.

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ABOUT NORTH DAKOTA DENTAL ASSOCIATION:

The North Dakota Dental Association is a leading advocate of oral health, promoting education and service to its members and the public. Established in 1889, the NDDA is a constituent organization chartered by the American Dental Association that is organized into 5 component districts. We

represent over 87% of the dentists in North Dakota. Our members adhere to high ethical standards and follow a code of professional conduct.