

March 16, 2020 - SPECIAL ALERT: NDDA Guidance on COVID-19

We all know that COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) is a serious and national threat. The NDDA has been monitoring COVID-19 developments since its identification in our country. Over the past 48 hours, we have been in constant communication with the American Dental Association, North Dakota Governor's Office, the State Health Officer, the North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners and the North Dakota Department of Health. We will work in concert with all federal, state and local health authorities and experts regarding guidance and best steps for dental offices. As updates come from these authorities, the NDDA will quickly update our members regarding best practices in prevention of transmission of the virus. The North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners is the regulatory board charged with protecting the public health and safety of our dentists, their staff and most importantly the North Dakota public. Any recommendations regarding practice closure or other safety requirements will come from our Board of Dental Examiners. At this time, we at the NDDA would continue to stress the importance of extreme caution and care by all of our member offices. We have provided links to all the proper authorities below and will update you as these authorities provide guidance. The ADA is planning on releasing a formal statement in the next 24 hours, which we will also provide to you. Please be safe and exercise requisite caution in your local offices.

This is an evolving situation, so please visit the links below for the latest recommendations regarding dentistry and actions here in North Dakota.

[American Dental Association](#)
[North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners](#)
[North Dakota Department of Health](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)