

New! Online Continuing Education

For those who missed it, the ADA and OSAP: Respiratory Protection in the Era of COVID-19 will be available on **Monday, April 27th** after 5:00 PM.

Good news! The Administration is working rapidly on targeted distributions that will focus on providers in areas particularly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, rural providers, providers of services with lower shares of Medicare reimbursement or who predominantly serve the Medicaid population, and providers requesting reimbursement for the treatment of uninsured Americans.

Upcoming Webinars

Elevate Care - Clinical Care After the Crisis: How to Emerge from Quarantine Ready for Dentistry's Next Chapter

Tuesday, April 28th at 11:00 AM

Register [here](#)

Photocatalytic oxidation (PCO) technology for medical and dental office air purification

Tuesday, April 28th at 12:00 PM

Register [here](#)

ADA HPI - Economic Impact of COVID19 on Dentistry: Where are We Heading?

Wednesday, April 29th at 1:00 PM

Register [here](#)

Telehealth/Teledentistry Guidance

[Telehealth: Health care from the safety of our homes](#)

- Information for patients
- Information for providers

Clinical Guidance

[Virginia Dental Safety Net Clinic Status](#)

PPE Shortages

- Providers should reach out to their **local** health departments to ensure that they are aware of PPE needs (not the state VDH office, or the state dental program)
- If you don't have a known contact, check [here](#)

Airborne v. droplet precautions

- [Droplet precautions](#)
- [Airborne precautions](#)
- If a patient is COVID (+) or a PUI and requires dental treatment, this treatment must be completed following **airborne precautions**
 - See [CDC guidance](#).
- It is important to note that most dental offices are *not* equipped with proper engineering controls required of airborne precautions
- If you have a patient that requires treatment with airborne precautions, you will need to refer that patient to to a clinic equipped with airborne precautions requirements

Community

The CDC has released a [Self-Checker](#) to help individuals make decisions and see medical care when appropriate. Note this is to guide patients in terms of seeking *medical* attention related to COVID-19, not dental emergencies.

- This Self Checker can be embedded as a [widget](#) on your community health center's website

The American Red Cross is asking for [plasma donations from recovered COVID-19 patients](#).

- People who have fully recovered from COVID-19 have antibodies in their plasma that can attack the virus
- This convalescent plasma is being evaluated as treatment for patients with serious or immediately life-threatening COVID-19 infections, or those judged by a healthcare provider to be at high risk of progression to severe or life-threatening disease