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# Early Dental Home Workgroup

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Thursday, May 7, 2020



# Ice Breaker

**Name**

**Organization**

**What happy habit are you incorporating into your day?**



# Agenda

- Catalyst updates
  - NOHI opportunities
  - Policy updates
  - Patient resources
- East End initiative: Pathway Out of Poverty
- Group share: What are you seeing?
- Next meeting date
- Adjourn



# Networks for Oral Health Integration (NOHI) within MCH Safety Net

- Next generation of PIOHQI project
- Five-year national initiative: 3 cohorts
  - DC, MD, NY, VA: **Oral Healthcare Transformation for Babies**
  - MI, IL, IA, OH
  - CO, AZ, MT, WY
- Three, 18-month learning collaboratives with CHCs (30 total) to improve access to oral health care through primary care integration
- **Funding and learning opportunities**
  - **Faculty/Subject experts**
  - **Steering Committee**



# Policy updates – during COVID-19

- Medicaid dental benefit for pregnant women – extended through July 2020
- Adult dental benefit in Medicaid – more to come
- Dental clinics opening as of 5/1/20
  - [Virginia's Dental Safety Net status updates](#)
- Teledentistry



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# COVID-19 Patient Resources

## What Should I do if I Have Tooth or Mouth Pain?

The most important thing you can do right now to stay healthy and make sure others are healthy is to stay home. In Virginia, most dentist offices are only providing care if it is an emergency. Some dental offices are temporarily closed. This is short-term. If your mouth or teeth hurt or you think you have a dental emergency CALL your dental provider or local sleep-net clinic. Tell them how you feel, including if you have a fever, a cough or chest pain. Your dental team will tell you what to do next. Your dentist may talk with you about your symptoms on the phone or over video chat. **DO NOT GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM.**

### Some examples of dental emergencies are:

- Very bad toothache pain (not just a twinge)
- Swollen gums, face, or neck
- Bleeding in your mouth that does not stop
- Infection or a substantial risk of it
- Recent trauma to the mouth

### Dental appointments for these needs should be rescheduled:

- Regular exam or cleaning
- Regular visits for braces
- Treatment for cavities that are not painful
- Removal of teeth that are not painful

### Hygiene:

- **Wash your hands** very often with soap and water. Scrub for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap is not available.
- Don't touch your face. This is a lot harder than it sounds and requires effort.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with the inside of your elbow or upper arm.
- Stay home if you are feeling sick, and seek appropriate medical guidance.
- Take care of your teeth and mouth. Brush and floss your teeth; clean your tongue, swish, and spit, and gargle twice with mouthwash.

### Find a Dental Provider:

- Virginia Health Care Foundation:

A patient's guide to dental emergencies

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Updated March 23, 2020

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## A Guide to Dental Visits After COVID Outbreak

A healthy mouth is essential to good overall health and wellbeing. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, dental offices in Kansas will start to open again. The [American Dental Association](#), [American Dental Hygienists' Association](#), [Centers for Disease Control, Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#), [Kansas Dental Association](#), and [Kansas Department of Health and Environment](#) recently released guidelines and recommendations to keep patients and staff safe. As you make plans to go to your dentist, Oral Health Kansas wants to be sure you have the latest information on changes you may see.

### Prior to your appointment:

- You may receive a letter from your dentist reaffirming their commitment to safety and infection control and informing you of any changes in their protocol.
- To allow social distancing between patients, you may have fewer appointment time options.
- You may be asked screening questions when you make your appointment and again when you arrive at the office.
- Your dental office may take your temperature when you come into the building.
- Many offices will have hand sanitizer available.
- Waiting rooms may no longer have items such as magazines and children's toys, as they are difficult to clean and disinfect.
- You may be asked to wait in your car until it is time for your appointment.

### During your appointment:

- Handshakes or other touching not necessary for treatment should be avoided.
- If possible, only the patient will be allowed in the treatment room.
- Everyone in the treatment room will be wearing a mask.
- Treatment may be modified to reduce the amount of aerosol produced.

A patient's guide to dental visits after COVID

This list is not intended to be comprehensive, and it is subject to change. Your dentist will clarify their new protocols to keep both you and their staff safe. They look forward to working with you to ensure you are able to maintain good oral health!

<p>Uma Mensagem Sobre COVID-19</p> <p>281 views</p>	<p>Un Mensaje Sobre COVID-19</p> <p>1.1K views • 1 week ago</p>	<p>A Message About COVID-19</p> <p>445 views • 1 week ago</p>	<p>رسالة حول كوفيد-19</p> <p>494 views • 1 week ago</p>
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CrossOver Healthcare – how to avoid COVID-19 videos

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# Pathway Out of Poverty – East End Initiative

## **Chanel Bea**

Early Childhood Community Liaison

Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond, Peter Paul Development Center

Improving childcare service systems so they can better and more efficiently serve those who depend on them



# We want to hear from YOU!

What are you hearing from your **clients and families**?

What **pivots** has your organization made to support your clients during the COVID response?

What kind of changes do you see being **long-term**?

What **opportunities** do you see to expand access to dental care for your clients and families?





# Wrap Up

- Next meeting date
- Follow-up items
- Questions?

***Thank you!***

