



## COVID-19 Resources

Each Friday Virginia Health Catalyst shares the latest oral health-related COVID-19 resources. For additional information visit the Catalyst [COVID-19 resource page](#).

### Upcoming Federal Policies Could Improve the Health of Virginians

Congress is considering multiple policy changes in the fourth stimulus package that, if enacted, will have a lasting impact on the health of Virginians. One of the proposed changes is increasing the amount of money the federal government pays for state Medicaid programs, known as the FMAP. You can learn more about it [here](#).

When Congress passed the CARES Act it included a temporary 6% FMAP increase, but it will expire when the national public health emergency ends. Catalyst and health advocates across the country are hopeful that Congress will enact a longer, and larger, FMAP increase in the fourth stimulus package.

With expected revenue shortfalls, an FMAP increase will free up state dollars that could fund initiatives that were unallotted in the budget, such as an adult dental benefit in Medicaid.

Join Catalyst next week on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM ET for a [webinar](#) to learn more about how federal policy impacts the health of Virginians, and how you can get involved.

### CDC Updates Interim Guidelines

The CDC has updated its interim guidelines for dental settings as more dental providers reopen. Some of the changes include:

- **Removal of wait times:** In the most recent update the CDC removed its recommendation to wait 15 minutes in between patient visits to allow for disinfecting the room.
- **Patient communication time reduced:** Patients are now required to inform a dental provider of any COVID-19 symptoms two days after their visit.

The full guidelines and additional resources are available [here](#).

#### Special Needs Dentistry - You Can Do It!

Registration is now open for the free CE course – Special Needs

Dentistry – You Can Do It! Join the five-part virtual series throughout July to receive CE credit and learn how to provide oral health care to patients with special health care needs. Learn more [here](#).

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