



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](#).

A note from the Virginia Health Catalyst team:

This week all of us at Virginia Health Catalyst are reflecting on our individual and organizational role in perpetuating the systems that reinforce racism and inequity and more importantly what steps we will take to leverage our power, privilege, and platform. We take this very seriously. We think often about the fact that the Catalyst staff is entirely white women and we are eyes-wide-open that our very make-up limits our perspectives. As we push ourselves from reflection to action we will share information and tangible next steps in the weeks to come. We invite all of you on this journey with us, please [reach out](#) to help us shape this process.

With that in mind, we're keeping this week's newsletter short, providing you with the most recent COVID-19 pandemic resources.

COVID-19 Pandemic Resources

- [How Will COVID-19 Impact Access to Dental Care for Vulnerable Populations](#) (ADA HPI)

COVID-19 is putting enormous pressure on dentistry and the impact is different in private practice and public health settings. This webinar presented data gleaned from a survey of dentists who practice in safety-net settings. Of note,

- providers at safety net clinics have embraced telehealth more widely than private practice, although
- fewer safety net clinics (as compared to private practice) are open for all services.

The webinar also included a panel discussion on the implications of COVID-19 and the increased focus on systemic racism and the role it plays in access to dental care for vulnerable populations.

- [Updated ADHA Interim Guidance on Returning to Work](#) (ADHA)

Based on the latest CDC guidance for dental settings, the ADHA Task Force on Returning to Work has updated its interim guidance materials.

- [Recording of CDC Guidance for Dental Settings Webinar](#) (CDC)

This week the CDC hosted a webinar to discuss its most recent guidance on dental care during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the webinar, the presenters discussed recent changes to the guidance, recommendations on facility management, and PPE in dental settings. Along with the recording, slides from the webinar are available.

- [Survey: Virginia's Rural Response to COVID-19](#) (Virginia State Office of Rural Health)

If you are a rural health provider in Virginia, the State Office of Rural Health has asked for responses to its survey. Responses will be used to better address the short- and long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in rural communities.

- [Virginia Dental Safety-Net Clinic Status Spreadsheet](#) (Virginia Health Catalyst)

As clinics across Virginia begin to reopen for dental services Catalyst will make updates to the [Virginia Safety-Net Clinic Status spreadsheet](#) to reflect status changes. If you know of updates that aren't reflected, please [let us know](#).

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