



## Resource Guide for the Dental Office COVID-19

### American Dental Hygienists Association

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Resource	About
ADHA Task Force on Return to Work	<p>The ADHA Task Force on Return to Work will review available COVID-19 guidance documents and policies, including but not limited to information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Occupational and Safety Health Act (OSHA), and American Dental Association (ADA). The Task Force will provide recommendations to the ADHA Board of Trustees, including guidance for dental hygienists on returning to work.</p> <p><b>Provide input to the task force here:</b> <a href="mailto:adhacovidtaskforce@adha.net">adhacovidtaskforce@adha.net</a></p>

# American Dental Association

COVID-19 Updates and Contact ADA [HERE](#)

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<p>ADA's Advisory Task Force for Dental Practice Recovery has developed this free toolkit with interim guidance which recommends measures to take to help protect patients, staff and dentists from COVID-19 as dental practices re-engage in providing the full range of oral health care.</p> <p>The toolkit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sample letter to patients</li><li>• Guidance on pre-appointment screening</li><li>• In-office patient registration procedures</li><li>• Reception area preparation strategies</li><li>• Chairside checklist</li><li>• Staff protection strategies</li><li>• Supplies shopping list</li></ul> <p><a href="#">Return to Work Toolkit</a></p>	<p>The ADA's Advisory Task Force on Dental Practice Recovery, which began meeting in April, has the overall goal of helping dentists get back to serving their communities while protecting patients, office staff and themselves.</p> <p>The task force consists of practicing dentists with support from ADA experts in science, practice, law, regulation and other key areas. The co-chairs are Drs. Rudy Liddell, chair of the ADA Council on Dental Practice, and Kirk M. Norbo, 16th District trustee.</p> <p><b>*To receive a toolkit, you will need to provide name and email. They will email you a link to download.</b></p>

<p><a href="#">ADA Interim Guidance for Minimizing Risk of COVID-19 Transmission</a>-last updated 4/1/20</p>	<p><b>News Brief: <i>ADA offers interim guidance as some states consider reopening (April 18, 2020)</i></b></p>
<p><a href="#">Webinar: Respiratory Protection in the Era of COVID-19.</a></p>	<p>The American Dental Association (ADA) has collaborated with Organization for Safety, Asepsis, and Prevention (OSAP) for a webinar presentation on respiratory protection. The presenters were Kathy Eklund and Eve Cuny. The webinar focuses on the steps necessary to introduce the use of the N95 respirator and other respirators into the dental office. It provides practical tips for developing the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-required respiratory protection program, including fit-testing, medical evaluation and training. Different levels of surgical masks and how they compare to N95 respirators are reviewed. In addition, the course describes the proper steps for donning and doffing of all PPE.</p>
<p><a href="#">Mask and Face Shield Guidelines</a></p>	
<p><a href="#">Understanding Masks</a></p>	

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

General COVID-19 [Updates](#)

[EMAIL](#) and/or call CDC at: 1-800-232-4636

<u>Resource</u>
<a href="#">CDC. About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)</a>
<a href="#">Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response</a> (last updated April 27, 2020)
<a href="#">CDC guidelines for donning and doffing PPE (OU Medicine)</a>

## Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

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<a href="https://www.osha.gov/">https://www.osha.gov/</a>	<p><b>How to File a Safety and Health Complaint</b></p> <p>You (or your representative) have the right to file a confidential safety and health complaint and request an OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there is a serious hazard or if you think your employer is not following OSHA standards. The complaint should be filed as soon as possible after noticing</p>

	<p>the hazard. A signed complaint is more likely to result in an onsite inspection.</p> <p><b>How to File a Whistleblower Complaint</b></p> <p>You have the right to file a whistleblower complaint with OSHA if you believe your employer retaliated against you for exercising your rights as an employee under the whistleblower protection laws enforced by OSHA. See the Whistleblower Protection Program website to learn more.</p> <p><b>For more information and to file a complaint click <a href="#">HERE</a>.</b></p>
<p><a href="#">Guidance for Respiratory Protection During N95 Shortage Due to COVID-19 Pandemic</a>-last updated April 3, 2020</p>	

## Oklahoma Resources

<u>Resource</u>	<u>About</u>
<p>Oklahoma State Department of Health <a href="https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/">https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/</a></p>	<p>Frequently updated COVID statistics and data visualization for Oklahoma.</p>
<p>Oklahoma Dental Association <a href="https://www.okda.org/covid-19">https://www.okda.org/covid-19</a></p>	<p>ODA President Dr. Paul Mullasseril president@okda.org</p>
<p>Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry <a href="https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/">https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/</a></p>	<p>Director- Susan Rogers susan.rogers@dentistry.ok.gov</p>

	File a complaint <a href="#">HERE</a>
Oklahoma Dental Hygienists' Association <a href="https://okdha.org/covid19/">https://okdha.org/covid19/</a>	ODHA President Holly Abbott, RDH,BS president@okdha.org

### **\*\*Local Advocacy\*\***

- 1) Continue to contact state and local elected officials by email, phone, and letters voicing concerns
  - a) Governor Kevin Stitt 405-521-2342
  - b) OSHA 405-231-5351
  - c) OK State Department of Health 405-271-5600 or 800-522-0203
  - d) [Find your legislator here](#)
- 2) Email OK Board of Dentistry Director, Susan Rogers  
[susan.rogers@dentistry.ok.gov](mailto:susan.rogers@dentistry.ok.gov)
- 3) Document:
  - a) Every aspect of patient appointment (e.g. health history, hand instrumentation/ultrasonic, prophy cup/toothbrush polishing, etc.)
  - b) Pertinent conversations with employers if you have concerns about CDC/OSHA violations

### **Other Helpful Links**

**Refresher: Know the Science: 9 Questions to Help You Make Sense of Health Research**  
<https://www.nccih.nih.gov/health/know-science/make-sense-health-research>

**[Coronavirus Overview for Dental Professionals](#)-Dimensions of Dental Hygiene-April 21, 2020**