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## March 24, 2020 Member Update

We know there has been a lot of information over the last few weeks. Today we offer a quick overview of important information.

### **Dentists should only be providing urgent/emergency care as of March 23, 2020**

Part of [EO 20-10](#) directed that no later than March 23, 2020, all elective and non-urgent procedures across all health care settings, including dental clinics, should be cancelled, or rescheduled no earlier than June 15, 2020 for the purpose of conserving and redirecting PPE for the state's COVID-19 emergency response.

The ADA provides [this guidance](#) on defining urgent and emergency procedures.

### **Dentists should contribute any excess Personal Protective Equipment to the State**

Part of [EO-20-10](#) directs dentists, along with other health care providers, to contribute any excess Personal Protective Equipment to the state for COVID-19 purposes. While "excess" is not defined, providers should make a good-faith effort and contribute to the larger good while ensuring they can provide emergent care to their patients. We understand it is very important to keep sufficient PPE to continue to provide urgent care and keep patients out of the emergency department. [Contact the state for contribution drop off details.](#)

### **Tele-dentistry**

Dentists may use tele-dentistry to triage and provide care to patients as appropriate. [The DEA has also issued guidance on remote prescribing. ADA has provided this guidance on tele-dentistry and billing.](#) An important note, dentists should ensure that they are prescribing only those medications within their normal scope of practice.

### **Advocacy**

The ODA and the ADA are advocating tirelessly for resources for you and your practice. Join the effort by sending a letter to your [state legislator](#) or your [congressional representative](#).

### **Resources**

The ODA is compiling any resource we can find to help you and your business. [Check our on-going list of resources frequently](#), which includes a Q&A on a wide array of COVID-19 topics.

### **Additional Executive Orders**

The Governor has issued a series of Executive Orders over the last few weeks, including the most recent, [EO 2012](#) which orders Oregonians to stay at home. View them all [here](#).

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### **Advocate for Support**

The American Dental Association and Oregon Dental Association are tirelessly advocating to include dentistry in any COVID-19 relief packages. Please support these efforts by contacting your state legislators and Congress today!

Contact State Legislators

Contact Congress

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### **ADA and OSAP Webinar**

On March 20, 2020, the American Dental Association (ADA) teamed up with leading infection control experts from the Organization for Safety, Asepsis, and Prevention (OSAP) to provide the dental community with practical guidance and education as we navigate the challenges COVID-19 is presenting to our profession. The complete webinar is available to watch and earn 1 free CE credit.

Watch Webinar Now!

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For a full list of updates and resources, visit the ODA's [COVID-19 page](#).