GUIDANCE ON COVID-19 FOR DENTAL HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL

Are you experiencing COVID-19 symptoms?
They include:

- Fever (T≥100.0°F or 37.8°C)
- Cough
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- New or unusual headache
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite

YES SYMPTOMS
Affirmative Response to COVID-19
Symptoms and/or those testing positive for COVID-19

FOLLOW CDC GUIDELINES
1. Do not come to work while ill.
2. Even with mild symptoms, cease patient care activities.
3. Notify supervisor and local health department.
4. Arrange for medical evaluation and COVID-19 testing if not already completed.
5. Self-isolate for at least 10 days since symptoms appeared and at least 3 days since recovery.
6. Follow advice from contact tracer and local public health authority.

Find COVID-19 Testing in Nevada:
NV Health Response

NO SYMPTOMS
Have you had prolonged close contact with any person (patient, co-worker, family member, etc.) with confirmed or suspected COVID-19?

YES
- Were you wearing a respirator or facemask?
- Were you wearing all recommended PPE (i.e., gown, gloves, eye protection, respirator) while performing an aerosol-generating procedure?
- Were you wearing eye protection if the person with COVID-19 was not wearing a cloth face covering or facemask?

NO

Since you were wearing PPE and have no symptoms, you may continue working without restrictions.

DATA are insufficient to precisely define the duration of time that constitutes a prolonged exposure. Until more is known about transmission risks, it is reasonable to consider an exposure of 15 minutes or more as prolonged. However, any duration should be considered prolonged if the exposure occurred during performance of an aerosol generating procedure. Data are limited for the definition of close contact. For this guidance it is defined as: a) being within 6 feet of a person with confirmed COVID-19 or b) having unprotected direct contact with infectious secretions or excretions of the person with confirmed COVID-19. Determining the time period when the patient, visitor, or HCP with confirmed COVID-19 could have been infectious: 1. For individuals with confirmed COVID-19 who developed symptoms, consider the exposure window to be 2 days before symptom onset through the time period when the individual meets criteria for discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions.

Pre-Screen: Your employers should measure your temperature and assess symptoms prior to you starting work. Ideally, temperature checks should happen before you enter the facility.

Regular Monitoring: Self-monitor under the supervision of your employer’s occupational health program.

Wear a Mask: You should wear a face mask at all times while in the workplace.

Social Distance: Maintain 6 feet of distance from others and practice social distancing as duties permit in the workplace.

Disinfect and Clean workspaces: Clean and disinfect all areas such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment routinely.

Hand washing: Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
Resources to Find COVID-19 Testing in Nevada:

NV Health Response:
Website: https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/find-covid-19-testing-in-nevada/

Southern Nevada Health District:
Link to calendar of testing events: https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/covid-19-testing-sites

Washoe County Health District:
Phone Number: 775-328-2427
Link to complete risk assessment and schedule testing: https://aca.accela.com/WASHOE-COVID19/Welcome.aspx

White Pine, Elko, Eureka, Lander, Humboldt and Pershing Counties:
COVID-19 Hotline: 775-777-2507
The hotline is available Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm (closed from noon to 1pm for lunch).

Additional Notes:
1. While the DHHS Technical Bulletin, Guidance for Public Health Management of Healthcare Personnel (HCP) with Potential Exposure to Patients with (COVID-19) in Healthcare Setting based on CDC guidance allows exposed, asymptomatic HCPs to work while utilizing appropriate PPE. This guidance does not apply to HCP's in the dental arena.
2. The CDC recommends implementing sick leave policies for dental health care personnel that are flexible, non-punitive, and consistent with public health guidance.
3. The ADA has provided additional resources for dental offices: Steps to Take if a Patient Reports COVID-19 Exposure After Treatment and What to Do if Someone on Your Staff Tests Positive for COVID-19.
4. Dental practices are advised to review this information with team members and have a communication plan in place for patients should the office team members be quarantined, or patients experience exposure.