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Updated Dental Board Statement Regarding COVID-19 Guidance

Dear Licensee,

The Alaska Board of Dental Examiners has removed specific COVID-19 guidance. As healthcare providers, it is your responsibility to make informed decisions based on the information you have available. The Board expects licensees to prioritize patient and staff well-being and adhere to the standard of care at all times.

Dentists are encouraged to continue following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) COVID-19 "Guidance for Dental Settings" to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

On June 10, 2021, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued an emergency temporary standard for COVID-19 in healthcare settings. For the full document, please see [29 CFR 1910, Subpart U](#). Although dentistry is largely exempt from the new OSHA standard, the American Dental Association (ADA) notes that dental practices must follow key provisions such as pre-appointment patient screenings for COVID-19, screening anyone entering the dental practice prior to entry, denying entry to anyone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, and having a written COVID-19 plan. For details on compliance with OSHA's COVID-19 temporary standard in healthcare settings, visit the ADA's "[OSHA COVID-19 Healthcare Emergency Temporary Standard](#)."

Best Regards,
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President, Alaska Board of Dental Examiners