

COVID-19 Guidance for Dental Practitioners

OSHA is committed to protecting the health and safety of America's workers and workplaces during these unprecedented times. The agency will be issuing a series of industry-specific alerts designed to help keep workers safe.

If you are a dental practitioner, the following tips can help reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus:

- Encourage workers to stay home if sick.
- Maximize use of telemedicine for non-emergency consultations, and prioritize urgent and emergency procedures.
- Install physical barriers or partitions between patient treatment areas.
- Provide adequate ventilation and airflow in patient treatment areas so that air moves away from staff work areas.
- Frequently clean and disinfect surfaces and equipment with hospital-grade Environmental Protection Agency-approved cleaning chemicals from [List N](#) that have label claims against the coronavirus.
- Minimize the number of staff present when aerosol-generating procedures are performed, and ensure staff who are present are appropriately protected.
- Provide appropriate personal protective equipment, such as eye goggles, face shields, and N95 respirators, as necessary to protect dental practitioners and support personnel.
- Encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns.

For more information, visit www.osha.gov/coronavirus or call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742). Visit this [link](#) for more detailed guidance for dental industry workers.

OSHA issues alerts to draw attention to worker safety and health issues and solutions.