Infection Control Update for 2022

Protect yourself! Provide safe dental care for your patients!

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This course fulfills the infection control requirement for re-licensure (dental, dental hygiene, dental assisting).

**Learning Outcomes**

After completing this course, program attendees should be able to:

* Discuss the minimum standards for infection control as required by the DBC and DHBC
* Describe the OSHA and Cal/OSHA regulations as they apply to dentistry
* List the potential pathogens and the modes of transmission that can result in infections acquired in a dental practice setting
* Discuss the strategies for preventing disease transmission in the dental practice setting
* Describe the various strategies for dental healthcare workers to stay healthy in the workplace

**Infection Control Resource/ Reading List**

**Centers for Disease Control and Food and Drug Administration Resources**

**www.cdc.org**

Comprehensive resource for all health questions including workplace safety and health

**2016 Summary of Infection Prevention Practices for Dental Settings: Basic Expectations for Safe Care**

https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/pdf/safe-care2.pdf

Comprehensive, evidence-based resource with step-by-step recommendations for adopting, implementing, and maintaining proper infection prevention practices as described by the guidelines.

***Infection Prevention Checklist for Dental Settings***

https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/pdf/safe-care-checklist-a.pdf

An easy to use checklist guide to review the basic infection prevention principles and practices. Also available as a mobile app.

***CDC Updates on Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response***

***Updated 9/10/21***

<https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/statement-COVID.html>

The previous multiple setting-specific guidance documents, such as those for dental offices, assisted living facilities, emergency medical services, and dialysis clinics, have been streamlined and combined into the main IPC guidance for healthcare settings.

***CDC Respirator Source Information – Includes Q and A on respirators for healthcare***

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/disp_part/respsource3healthcare.html#e>

***FDA Emergency Use Authorization Resource List***

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/emergency-use-authorizations#covid19ppe>

***FAQ’s about respiratory protection and fit testing from the CDC and NIOSH***

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2018-129/pdfs/2018-129.pdf?id=10.26616/NIOSHPUB2018129>

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

***OSHA Alert: Prevent Worker Exposure to Coronavirus (COVID-19)***

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3989.pdf>

***OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19***

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

***The California Workplace Guide to Aerosol Transmissible Diseases. Department of Industrial Relations: Division of Occupational Safety and Health. Publications Unit***

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/dosh_publications/ATD-Guide.pdf>

***California Department of Public Health Updated Guidelines for Dental Care During COVID-19***

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance-for-Resuming-Deferred-and-Preventive-Dental-Care--.aspx#](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance-for-Resuming-Deferred-and-Preventive-Dental-Care--.aspx)

***Bloodborne Pathogens***

[www.osha.gov/SLTC/bloodbornepathogens/index.html](http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/bloodbornepathogens/index.html)

***FAQ’s About the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard***

[www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

**Dental Hygiene Board of California**

***Laws and Regulations, June 2020 - searchable e-book***

[**https://www.dhbc.ca.gov/lawsregs/2020laws.pdf**](https://www.dhbc.ca.gov/lawsregs/2020laws.pdf)

**Dental Board of California**

[**www.dbc.ca.gov**](http://www.dbc.ca.gov)

California Dental Practice Act and Minimum Standards for Infection Control,

CA Code of Regulations, Title 16, Sec. 1005 \*Must be displayed in the workplace setting

**Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures**

[www.osap.org](http://www.osap.org)

***OSAP/Dental Quest Best Practices for Infection Control in Dental Clinics During the COVI-19 Pandemic***

<https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.osap.org/resource/resmgr/dentaquest/INC-1353_Best_Practices_for_.pdf>

**Professional Association Resources**

**American Dental Hygienist’s Association**

***Interim Guidance on Returning to work and other COVID – 19 resources***

[**https://www.adha.org/adha-interim-guidance-on-returning-to-work**](https://www.adha.org/adha-interim-guidance-on-returning-to-work)

Most recent update 9/16/21

***COVID-19 Resource Center and Webinar on COVID 19 impact on the dental hygiene profession***

[**https://www.adha.org/covid19**](https://www.adha.org/covid19)

Most recent update 10/13/21

***COVID -19 Prevalence and Related Practices***

[**https://www.adha.org/pri\_docs/Feb-2021\_JDH\_COVID19\_Prevalance.pdf**](https://www.adha.org/pri_docs/Feb-2021_JDH_COVID19_Prevalance.pdf)

Peer reviewed joint research article on the prevalence of COVID-19 in dental hygienists.

**California Dental Hygienists’ Association**

***COVID 19 resources***

[**https://cdha.org/Resources/COVID-19**](https://cdha.org/Resources/COVID-19)

**American Dental Association**

***COVID 19 resources***

[**https://success.ada.org/en/practice-management/patients/infectious-diseases-2019-novel-coronavirus**](https://success.ada.org/en/practice-management/patients/infectious-diseases-2019-novel-coronavirus)

**California Dental Association**

***COVID 19 resources***

[**https://www.cda.org/Home/News-and-Events/COVID-19**](https://www.cda.org/Home/News-and-Events/COVID-19)