

Thank you for your continued support and diligence as we deal with this crisis. Please know that we are working to get dentists back to work as quickly and safely as possible.

A few of the things we worked on this week include:

- Distributing our limited supply of N95 masks to members.
- Getting PPE from the State's cache for members.
- Qualifying dentists for the State's Small Business Relief loan program.
- Enhancing reimbursement for silver diamine fluoride (SDF) through Medicaid.
- Providing on-line CE for members and staff.

All of these items are a "work-in-progress" and we will provide more information on all of these as it becomes available.

We have formed a task force that is working to get dentists back to work as soon as safely possible, and we may be calling on our members to reach out to state leaders and decision makers to help us get that done.

South Dakota dentists continue to be throttled back (treating only urgent and emergent patients) by both the ADA guidance and the Governor's Executive Order. We are expecting an update to the ADA's guidance soon, and will share that as soon as it's available.

The Governor's Executive Order is currently in place through May 31. We are working with the Department of Health to find ways for our members to see a greater number of patients than are currently being seen. We will need to do that with the safety of staff and patients as a top priority.

Please continue to diligently care for patients with urgent and emergent dental needs.

Your input is important to us, please contact your Trustees with your thoughts and ideas and also feel free to email me.