

The ADA has extended the date for its guidance to April 30, 2020. The guidance is to postpone elective procedures and **provide care for emergency patients in order to alleviate the burden that dental emergencies would place on hospital emergency departments**. Please use the attached algorithm flow chart to help determine cases that are urgent and emergent.

Additionally, Governor Noem has issued an Executive Order, in effect until May 2, 2020, that healthcare providers follow CDC guidance and prepare for the expected surge of patients needing health care services as a result of the COVID-19 disease. The CDC recommendations are that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, and prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures now and for the coming several weeks.

If you are not already subscribing, an excellent resource for information regarding the COVID-19 and other dental issues is the ADA's Morning Huddle daily email. You may want to consider signing up for it if you have not already done so. To sign up members need to login to www.ada.org and click on My ADA. Then update Personal Profile where you can enter an email address.

There is currently a lot of information, and a little confusion, about the CARES Act. Please be sure you are getting your information from a trusted source. All of the information we share has been vetted by the ADA and is reliable. If you are looking for more information about the CARES Act, the attached resources will be helpful.