

We are pleased to share that the ADA has just released a "Return to Work Interim Guidance Toolkit". It can be found online at: <https://www.ada.org/en>. The SDDA recommends that all offices follow this guidance while treating urgent and emergent patients and once we are given the green light to fully or partially reopen by the State of South Dakota.

In addition to the ADA's interim guidance the SDDA recommends that members adhere to the following:

- Closely observe any changes to the spread of COVID 19 in your local area and follow local and state orders to close or restrict practicing.
- When scheduling patients, place any patients with compromised health conditions at the beginning of your daily schedule.
- Follow all social distancing practices (which may go beyond the ADA guidance) as required in your local area.
- Closely monitor the SDDA and ADA websites and communications for further interim guidance.

Also, please note that we will be offering CE on safely opening your practice. The course will be offered via webinar on Friday afternoon, May 1. There will be no charge for members or their staff. We will send a registration link on Tuesday. *CDC and OSHA Guidance in the Era of COVID-19* will be presented by Karen Daw who is an authorized OSHA presenter. Course objectives include:

- Review current CDC and OSHA interim guidelines for COVID-19
- List resources available to the dental professional to prepare for reopening
- Answer infection control and safety questions related to COVID-19 and dentistry