

The Governor has extended her Executive Order to May 31. The order says that healthcare organizations “shall” follow the CDC’s guidelines. For dentistry that means: “that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, and prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures.” Yesterday the Board of Dentistry sent a message that all licensed dentists must comply with the Executive Order. Please use the ADA’s flow chart when determining proper patient care:

[https://www.ada.org/~media/CPS/Files/COVID/ADA\\_Int\\_Guidance\\_Mgmt\\_Emerg-Urg\\_Dental\\_COVID19.pdf?utm\\_source=adaorg&utm\\_medium=covid-resources-lp&utm\\_content=cv-pm-ebd-interim-flowchart&utm\\_campaign=covid-19](https://www.ada.org/~media/CPS/Files/COVID/ADA_Int_Guidance_Mgmt_Emerg-Urg_Dental_COVID19.pdf?utm_source=adaorg&utm_medium=covid-resources-lp&utm_content=cv-pm-ebd-interim-flowchart&utm_campaign=covid-19)

The SDDA urges all members to care for the urgent and emergent needs of their patients. If access to N-95 masks is an issue for you please contact us. Email Tia at [tia@sddental.org](mailto:tia@sddental.org).

The Governor’s Executive Order, combined with models that show South Dakota may be in this crisis into August. The Board of Trustees are concerned that the guidance dentistry is currently following is not sustainable through the modeling period. The Trustees have created a COVID task force to develop recommendations, to share with the authorities here in South Dakota, that would allow dentists to safely provide the care that patients need.

Ken Asheim has asked that I share the Professional Protector Plan’s premium relief program with dentists who are covered by the PPP. Information on that is attached.

There has been a lot of confusion over the past few days about the EIDL and PPP loan programs. The ADA has gotten assurance from the SBA and the Treasury Department that dentists can in fact apply for both programs. The very best way to get the most current information on all COVID related issues is to sign up to receive direct communication from the ADA through the *Morning Huddle*. To sign up go to the ADA web site and sign in to My ADA. Then update your Personal Profile where you can enter an email address.