

As COVID continues to spread across South Dakota, dental offices are experiencing either staff or patients that test positive for the virus. Please know that there are protocols to follow in the event you or someone in your office tests positive or has been exposed to someone (including patients) who tests positive. The ADA has a number of resources to help dental offices follow the appropriate protocols, all of which can be found at: <https://www.ada.org/virus>.

The CDC has issued updated COVID-19 guidance for dental settings. A pdf document is attached. Please note that future updates are likely and checking the ADA or CDC sites for updated guidance is always recommended.

Anyone administering COVID tests in a dental office is required to have a CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Amendments) certificate (or a waiver). In either case an application for certification has to be submitted to the South Dakota Department of Health. A CLIA application is attached.