

As Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) shortages continue, you can turn to HealthFirst for certain PPE supplies, including N95 and surgical masks. HealthFirst has been serving dental practices for approximately 50 years with practice readiness solutions such as its emergency medical kits. HealthFirst is endorsed by the South Dakota Dental Association. Available PPE includes N95 respirators, procedure face masks, face shields and non-contact infrared thermometers. To learn more, visit <https://www.healthfirst.com/personal-protective-equipment/> or call 888-963-6787 or email [customerservice@healthfirst.com](mailto:customerservice@healthfirst.com).

With the August 3 deadline rapidly approaching, the ADA encourages dentists who have been impacted economically from the pandemic to apply to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Provider Relief Fund. Payment to each provider will be at least 2 percent of reported gross revenue from patient care; the final amount each provider receives will be determined after the data is submitted. Dentists have until Aug. 3 to apply for funding through the [Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal](#).

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is warning prescribers about criminals posing as DEA Special Agents, DEA Investigators or other law enforcement personnel as part of an international extortion scheme. Anyone receiving a telephone call from a person purporting to be a DEA special agent, DEA Investigator, or other law enforcement official seeking money should refuse the demand and report the threat here: <https://apps2.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/esor/spring/main?execution=e1s1>