

Today we have several positive things to report. The results of our survey from yesterday indicate that almost all dental offices are doing their part during this unprecedented pandemic by following the guidance of the ADA and CDC by postponing elective dental care but continuing to provide urgent and emergent care. Thank you for doing your part. The information collected in the survey will also help us in our conversations with the SD Department of Health and the Governor's Office.

Late yesterday Delta Dental of South Dakota announced they will be providing advances to their provider dentists and also forgivable loans to dentists treating Medicaid patients. The message from CEO, Scott Jones is attached. Details will be forthcoming soon.

Federal legislation is nearly complete. It appears there will be additional relief for unemployed individuals as well as small business relief. We will share more as soon as it becomes available.

Many of you have been sharing constructive thoughts and ideas of what the ADA and SDDA can do to help you during this time. Please continue to share those ideas with your Trustees and District Presidents. The Trustees have been meeting regularly during this crisis and will continue to do so until this is resolved.

The most often asked question right now is "when can we resume seeing patients?" The ADA is working with the CDC to answer that question. Having a strong – science based – national organization will ensure that dental offices get reopened at the earliest possible point in this process. We will provide new guidance from the ADA as soon as we receive it.

The ADA just created a great summary of their guidance on the virus during this crisis:

<https://success.ada.org/en/practice-management/patients/~media/F66AAAC279624A4A8C2B4C1D2EC8CC19.ashx>

Also, the ADA is providing a valuable webinar for all members on today, March 25, 2020. Big Buzz CEO Wendy O'Donovan Phillips will discuss how to predict short- and long-term impacts on your business operations during tough economic times and how to minimize your risk. Tools will be available after the webinar to provide team-wide focus and clarity during uncertain times. The free webinar will be streamed live today at 1 p.m. CT. An on-demand version, along with shorter clips for quick answers, will be live on ADA.org within 48 hours of the live discussion. 1 hour CERP CE. Go to www.ada.org to register.