

We are preparing for the eventual need to treat COVID-positive patients who have urgent or emergent dental needs. We are looking for dental offices that are willing and able to treat these patients in their geographic area. These offices will need to comply with CDC and OSHA recommendations (see links below) for treating COVID positive patients and use appropriate PPE. We will recommend the State, and any other suppliers, give priority consideration to these offices with regard to distribution of the appropriate PPE including N-95 masks. If your practice will volunteer to care for COVID-positive patients please email me at [paul.knecht@sddental.org](mailto:paul.knecht@sddental.org).

CDC link: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control.html)

OSHA link: <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

The ADA and SDDA want to be sure dentists are aware of key provisions of the CARES Act. As small businesses dentists are eligible for an EIDL (Economic Injury Disaster Loan) through the SBA. A portion of the loan (the first \$10,000) is a grant. Businesses should apply through the SBA. The SBA site is often overwhelmed - the ADA has identified a work-around link for members to use: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/> - hit the middle circle that says "apply online." The grant portion is first-come-first-served until the allocated amount of funding runs out. Information on other aspects of the CARES Act will be shared as they become available.

In a webinar today, the Secretary of Labor and Regulation said that under current circumstances S-Corp owners, who have been paying into UI, may be eligible for UI benefits and should apply. Here is the link to the Department's web site: <https://dlr.sd.gov/>.