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April 23 2020 UPDATED IPC Guidelines Related to COVID-19 Management - [CLICK HERE](#)

April 23 2020 Interim Guidance for Community Dental Clinics During Pandemic Phase of the COVID-19 Response - [CLICK HERE](#)

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I would like to thank the community for their understanding and patience during this unprecedented time. The spirit of co-operation within our dental community is remarkable and our commitment to protection of the public interest is commendable.

Today we are releasing two documents. The first is an update to the ***Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Guidelines Related to COVID-19 Management***. Due to the fluid nature of the pandemic, as information changes our IPC guidance requires adjustment. This is a minor update and is intended to replace the one Dated April 6, 2020.

The second is titled ***Interim Guidance for Community Dental Clinics During Pandemic Phase of the COVID-19 Response***. It is intended to serve as an interim guide for facilities in Manitoba providing care to patients with dental emergencies during the COVID-19 Pandemic Phase. As the pandemic phase advances into a transition phase this guidance may be adjusted.

In Manitoba, we have been fortunate enough to see our curve begin to flatten. This is not yet the case in many other jurisdictions. This good fortune should serve as motivation for us all to continue to be vigilant. The collective actions of our Manitoba Dental Community have played an important part in the provincial outcomes thus far. At this critical stage in the pandemic it would be premature to let up and lower our collective guard.

At this time, emergency treatment only includes treatment due to a significant infection, acute pain that cannot be managed pharmacologically, oro-facial trauma or prolonged bleeding all of which, as a result, require immediate care. The MDA strongly advises that the dentist exercise reasonable and prudent judgment for assessing risk in these circumstances.

Finally, I would like to again recognize and thank all those volunteers who have been contributors to our efforts at the MDA. Thank you for your strong

commitment, thank you for the long hours, and thank you for your patience. You're all doing fantastic job!

Stay safe,

Dr. Marc Mollot
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