

# e-Alert



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## Message from the President

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In response to a **concerning rise in COVID-19 positivity, effective November 12, the Province of Manitoba will move to the Critical level (red)** on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System. As a result, there have been many significant restrictions put in place targeting those sectors that might be a potential source of spread.

According to resources provided from Public Health MB **these changes in response level do not affect regulated health professions and thus delivery of care in private practise dental clinics in the province.** There may be an effect on dentistry in the Hospital system. As essential Health Care Providers, Dentists and their teams have been providing much needed access to care for Manitobans beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup> and throughout the pandemic response.

Point of care risk assessment is to be undertaken for all patients at all times. **Consideration for level of transmission in areas of outbreak or when substantial community spread has occurred will affect risk assessment and determination of need for care, level of caution and PPE employed.** Our Guidance Pathway visit: <https://www.manitobadentist.ca/covid-19-updates.cfm>

Team members should self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms before reporting to work and refrain from attending the clinic if symptoms are present. Daily screening of the complete dental team is an effective way to monitor for the continued health of the team. **Please use the most updated online version of the Shared Health Screening Tool.** Careful attention to appropriate PPE use is important.

Communicate with your dental team about the importance of remaining vigilant inside and outside the office. The Chief Provincial Public Health Officer announced that **“Social contacts are to be reduced to your household only. Social gatherings are not permitted.”**

Stay Safe,

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