



Message from the President

December 10, 2020

We have had a very busy fall schedule including several meetings with the Provincial Health Minister, the Honourable Cameron Friesen, to discuss several issues related to dentistry in our province.

Earlier this week, I am happy to report that the Minister signed an order under the Regulated Health Professions Act related to COVID-19 vaccine administration. **The Government, by this order, has asked our profession to help in the efforts to administer this vaccine to Manitobans starting this month and running indefinitely.**

Dentists, dental students and former member dentists are included as qualified oral health care providers recognized in the effort. It is my pleasure to see us included in the greater healthcare conversation and to be involved in helping fellow Manitobans during this time of need. We will all have to do our part to mobilize our community to respond to this call.

More information about employment opportunities in Manitoba's vaccine clinics will be posted as soon as they are available at www.manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/jobs.html.

Our discussions with the minister also focused on reinforcing with him **the importance that, as essential health care providers, dentists and their teams have access to early vaccination.** Our CDA President, Dr. Jim Armstrong, has also raised the issue with the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health. We continue to be strong in this file.

All that said, please don't let news of a pending vaccine cause you all to let your collective guard down – **community levels of COVID-19 are a concern** and it may be many months before we see enough vaccine to reach the majority of Canadians from coast to coast to coast.

Until next time,
Stay well.

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