



Guidelines for Dental Practice During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Schedule of Changes from Version 1.0 to 2.0, coming into effect February 10, 2021

Section	Page	Change Made	Rationale for Change
Introduction	3	Removed reference to “Community Health Care Settings and Workplace Guidance”	Alberta Health’s “Community Health Care Settings and Workplace Guidance” was included in CMOH Order 16-2020 which has since been replaced.
Staff Preparation	4	Removed reference to “Community Health Care Settings and Workplace Guidance”	Alberta Health’s “Community Health Care Settings and Workplace Guidance” was included in CMOH Order 16-2020 which has since been replaced.
Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)	5	Removed link for “CRDHA COVID-19 -Protecting Yourself and Preparing Your Workplace”	This document is available on CRDHA website for registrants to review for educational purposes. Registrant login needed. Document link .
Daily Screening of Oral Health Care Providers and Staff	5	Changed guideline for staff having their temperature taken from “twice per day” to “a minimum of once per day”.	New guideline better in line with Alberta Health Services guidance
		Added text to sentence “CMOH Order 05-2020 legally obligates any person (18+) who has the core symptoms of a cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat (that is not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition) to be in isolation for 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer.”	Adds clarification around updates Alberta Health requirements for isolation for adults.
	6	Added text: “Core symptoms for children under 18 are cough, fever, shortness of breath, and loss of sense of taste or smell. Children with these symptoms must also isolate for at least 10 days from	To include isolation requirements put forth by Alberta Health for children under 18.

		the start of symptoms or until they are gone, whichever is longer."	
Contact Tracing	6	Refers to Alberta Health Services Contact Tracing Notification Process	Due to changes in contact tracing, linking to Alberta Health Services website will allow for most current guidance.
Clinical Area	8	Change "ADA&C IPC regulations" to "ADA&C IPC standards"	Better describes the document being referenced
Common Staff Areas	8	Added "or prevent" to sentence "Limit or prevent the number of people in shared spaces (such as lunchrooms) or staggering break periods"	Clarifies that best practice would be to prevent staff members from congregating in a shared space. Occupational Health and Safety has identified shared staff spaces hold the largest risk of transmission in a workplace. https://secure.campaigner.com/csb/Public/show/cflw-2c8lq7--ssdjr-fpkg81
Aerosol Generating Procedures	9	Changed guideline from "Use of 1% hydrogen peroxide 5cc to rinse for 30 seconds" to "Consider using a preprocedural mouthrinse"	Changed to reflect current research that questions the efficacy of preprocedural mouthrinses, particularly hydrogen peroxide, in decreasing viral load for COVID-19. Oral health care practitioners are encouraged to review the current research available to determine what mouthrinse to use and when it is appropriate to use a mouthrinse.
Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for COVID-19	12	Protective eyewear has been separated from face shields in the list of "Minimum Required PPE"	If a face shield does not provide adequate coverage of the eyes (at least 19 cm, wraps around side of face), it may not provide enough protection against droplets or aerosols. If the eyes are not protected by the face shield, protective eyewear should also be worn.
Determining Patient COVID-19 Risk	13	Additional question added: "Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days? Or have you been tested for COVID-19 and not received your results yet?"	A patient that has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days or that is awaiting results should have treatment deferred until results are known or their isolation period is complete.
During the Appointment	15	Information about masking of patients has been included	Change to guideline is to reflect municipal or provincial requirements for masking in businesses.
Emergent vs. Urgent vs. Non-Urgent Care	18	Included two new points as other urgent dental care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 3-4 classification of periodontal disease*; 	Included to reflect the urgency for patients with periodontal disease to receive dental hygiene treatment

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localized or generalized periodontal disease resulting in Grade B moderate to Grade C rapid rate of progression. *According to the 2018 American Academy of Periodontology Classifications 	
Sample Patient Screening Form	21	<p>Added question 1 Modified question 3 to include “core symptoms”, removed symptom of “difficulty breathing”</p>	Updated to reflect changes to guidelines listed above