



Connecticut State Dental Association

Message from the President

March 12, 2020

Dear Members,

It has been an exceptionally active week at the CSDA, most notably due to the impact of COVID-19. Not only is this public health concern impacting the schedules in your practice, it is also impacting the activities of the CSDA. As you may know, the CSDA leadership decided to cancel our continuing education courses for both March and April, out of an abundance of caution. At the same time, our Dental Day at the Capitol has been cancelled as well as all legislative receptions and large gatherings at the Legislative Office Building, per the directive of the Governor.

The decision to cancel these events was not an easy one, but nonetheless was made in the interest of eliminating any risk to our members, vendors, and staff, no matter how small that risk may have been. We recognize and regret the inconvenience of the last minute nature of these cancellations, and appreciate your understanding as we considered all variables in making those difficult decisions.

You can't help but notice how the guidance from public health authorities and government at all levels regarding COVID-19 is changing daily. The CSDA Executive Board and staff have been monitoring information daily over the past several weeks with a keen eye to the most essential information that impacts our membership and the CSDA. We will continue to compile this information and provide you with periodic updates to assist you in continuing to provide the best care, and to protect your patients and staff. Periodic updates will be sent to our members by email and via our Facebook page, and information will be posted and updated on our website at www.csdacom.

At this time of heightened concern, the CSDA is offering access to our online course "Infection Control in the Dental Office" through April 15. If you feel that you or your staff need a refresher on infection control, please access the [course on our online classroom](#). This course qualifies for one mandatory continuing education credit.

The CSDA leadership is working diligently to keep on top of our changing landscape in order to ensure the safety and well-being of our members, staff, and patients. That is our number one priority! Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we adjust our programs and operations as necessary.

I wish you all the best in health as we continue to serve our patients in this time of distress.

Very truly yours,

Albert Natelli, DDS

Connecticut State Dental Association, President