



Connecticut State Dental Association

Message from the President

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Governor's Office Clarifies Timeline for Resuming Elective Procedures

Governor Lamont's office has indicated that elective procedures, which have been on hold in dental offices since mid-March, may soon resume. To be clear, there has been no mandate from Governor Lamont requiring that dental offices be closed. That said, the CSDA applauds those members who contributed to flattening the curve by limiting their practices to urgent and emergent dental care for the past six weeks.

As dentists consider easing back into normal operations beginning May 20, the CSDA strongly suggests that dentists follow the "[Return to Work Interim Guidance Toolkit](#)" developed by the American Dental Association, assess ability to acquire adequate PPE and abide by updated CDC and OSHA guidance in order to ensure individual readiness to resume dental practice as safely as possible. As the ADA Toolkit is an Interim Guidance, additional recommendations will be brought forward as the COVID-19 knowledge base grows. In addition, it is essential that dentists have robust communication and engage their dental team members to address concerns regarding the well-being of staff and patients. Dentists who have the appropriate screening, social distancing, PPE and infection control protocols in place should use their best judgement in resuming elective dental procedures beginning May 20.