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FDHA has received many requests for information regarding resources available in the wake of COVID-19. Below is information you may find helpful. This document will be updated as new information emerges.

FLORIDA GOVERNOR AND AGENCY ORDERS

NEW! On Wednesday, April 29th, the Governor issued Executive Order [20-112](#) which lays out Phase 1 of his plan to reopen Florida businesses on Monday, May 4th. You may access the Governor's presentation from the press conference [here](#). Listed below are the main components of phase one (emphasis added):

- On a statewide basis, elective surgeries are permitted to resume; and
- Below applies to all counties, except for Palm Beach, Broward and Dade:
 - Recommends use of face masks while in public, in the workplace, or if you are unable to social distance
 - Continues distance learning for schools
 - Continues prohibition on visits to senior living facilities
 - Allows restaurants to offer outdoor seating with a 6-foot space between tables and indoor seating at 25% capacity
 - Allows retail establishments to operate at 25% capacity
 - Continues closure for bars, gyms, and personal services, such as hairdressers
 - Continues social distancing and safer at home recommended for vulnerable adults
 - Continues limitation for social groups to ten people or less

The Governor will continue to monitor hospital capacity and resources to determine when the state is ready for Phase Two. Also, the availability of testing sites is being increased with additional drive-up and walk-up testing sites. Pertinent sections of the order are stated below (emphasis added):

Section 1 - Phase 1 Recovery

In concert with the efforts of President Donald J. Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, and based on guidance provided by the White House and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the Florida Surgeon General and State Health Officer, Dr. Scott Rivkees, I hereby adopt the following in response to the recommendations in Phase 1 of the plan published by the Task Force to Re-Open Florida.

Section 5 - Medical Procedures

Subject to the conditions outlined below, elective procedures prohibited by Executive Order 20-72 may resume when this order goes into effect. A hospital ambulatory surgical center, office surgery center, dental office, orthodontic office, endodontic office or other health care practitioners' office in the State of Florida may perform procedures prohibited by Executive Order 20-72 only if:

- A. The facility has the capacity to immediately convert additional facility-identified surgical and intensive care beds for treatment of COVID-19 patients in a surge capacity situation;*
- B. The facility has adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) to complete all medical procedures and respond to COVID-19 treatment needs, without the facility seeking any additional federal or state assistance regarding PPE supplies;*
- C. The facility has not sought any additional federal, state, or local government assistance regarding PPE supplies since resuming elective procedures; and*
- D. The facility has not refused to provide support to and proactively engage with skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and other long-term care residential providers.*

The Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Health shall utilize their authority under Florida law to further implement and enforce these requirements. This order supersedes the conflicting provisions of Executive Order 20-72.

You may access all the orders from the Governor and other agencies [here](#).

To receive updates about the state's response to the coronavirus text: **FLCOVID19 to 888777**.

EMPLOYEES

NEW! OSHA Guidelines for Dentistry - On May 1st, OSHA issued new guidelines for dentistry workers and employers which may be accessed [here](#).

NEW! American Dental Hygienists' Association Return to Work Guidance – On April 30th, ADHA issued interim guidance for returning to work which may be accessed [here](#).

NEW! CDC Guidance for Dental Settings – On March 27th, the CDC issued guidance for infection prevention and control in dental settings which may be accessed [here](#).

Revisions made on April 27, 2020

- Addressing asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission, implement source control (require facemasks or cloth face coverings) for everyone entering the dental setting (dental healthcare personnel [DHCP]^[1] and patients), regardless of whether they have COVID-19 symptoms;
- Actively screening everyone on the spot for fever and symptoms of COVID-19 before they enter the dental setting; and
- Actively screening DHCP on the spot for fever and symptoms before every shift.

The following dental-specific recommendations should be used with CDC's [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations](#) for patients with COVID-19 and the [Interim Additional Guidance for Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Settings: Responding to Community Transmission of COVID-19 in the United States](#). This information supplements, but does not replace, the general infection prevention and control recommendations for COVID-19.

NEW! American Dental Association Work Interim Guidance – On April 24th, ADA issued a toolkit to provide guidance which may be accessed [here](#).

Department of Health Non-Compliance Reporting – DOH has established an email for reporting non-compliance which is MQA.dentistry@flhealth.gov.

Florida Reemployment Assistance – The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has established a mobile-Friendly site to apply for reemployment assistance which is www.FloridaJobs.org/RAApplication. You may also visit www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19 to use the online Reemployment Assistance application or to download the paper application. You may access in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Creole](#). For a paper application, mail it to DEO and a representative will call when the application is processed. You may click [here](#) for information on how to file your claim online.

IRS Tax Filing and Payment Extensions FAQs – You may access [FAQs posted by the IRS](#) to provide additional information on the tax return filing and tax payment deadline relief recently announced.

Department of Revenue Issue Orders on Property & Sales Tax Payment - The emergency orders address extensions on paying sales tax and property tax payment:

- Sales Tax - [emergency order](#) and [press release](#)
- Property Tax - [emergency order](#) and [press release](#)

DOH Resource Pool – The Department of Health has established a mechanism for health care workers who are un-employed, furloughed or interested in volunteering to provide healthcare to areas impacted by COVID-19. You may register in a resource pool to be called upon when hospitals or long-term care facilities need assistance. You may register or receive additional information [here](#). Please note Dentistry is listed last in the portion to select a profession.