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*Below is information we have compiled from resources available during the COVID-19 pandemic. This document will be updated as new information emerges.*

### **FLORIDA GOVERNOR AND AGENCY ORDERS**

**NEW!** On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Governor DeSantis announced 64 counties (excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach) would move to Phase 2 of the [Reopening Florida Plan](#) on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Health care professionals were not discussed; however, below is information from Phase 2 on vulnerable populations and employers. You may also access the [Executive Order](#) and the [PowerPoint Presentation](#).

- Vulnerable Populations - Individuals older than 65 years of age and individuals with a serious underlying medical condition (such as chronic lung disease, moderate-to-severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immune-compromised status, cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, renal failure and liver disease) should continue to stay at home. When leaving the home, these individuals should follow social distancing and other general mitigation guidance. Those living with vulnerable individuals should be aware of the exposure risk that they could carry the virus back home after returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical. Vulnerable populations should affirmatively inform their employer that they are a member of the vulnerable population so that their employer can plan accordingly.
- Employers – Telework: All employers should continue to encourage teleworking where practical. Employers should begin implementing plans for employees to return to work in phases. Screening: All employers should screen employees before entering the premises for symptoms of COVID-19 or influenza like illness and, where practical, take the temperature of each employee.

Access all orders from the Governor and other state agencies [here](#). To receive updates about the state's response to the coronavirus, text **FLCOVID19 to 888777**.

### **EMPLOYEES**

**NEW! CDC Guidance for Dental Settings** – On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the CDC updated documents for resuming non-emergency dental care during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Updated Guidance for Dental Settings](#) corresponding documents: [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in Healthcare Settings](#) and [Framework for Healthcare Systems Providing Non-COVID-19 Clinical Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, the CDC issued guidance for infection prevention and control in dental settings which may be accessed [here](#). Revisions made on April 27, 2020.

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.

**OSHA Guidelines for Dentistry** - OSHA has added the following link to its site to the Department of Labor site discussing rights of employees and when to file a complaint. You may access the site [here](#). OSHA issued new guidelines for dentistry workers and employers which may be accessed [here](#).

**NEW! American Dental Hygienists Association Return to Work Guidance** – The ADHA has issued interim guidance for returning to work which may be accessed [here](#). Revision made on **May 29, 2020**.

**American Dental Association Work Interim Guidance** – On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the ADA provided the following updated materials: [OSHA Guidance for Dentistry Workers and Employers](#); [N95 Respirator Fit Tests and Seal](#)

[Checks](#) and [Extend the Use of N95 Masks](#). The ADA has 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](mailto: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](http://www.FloridaJobs.org/RAApplication). You may also visit [www.FloridaJobs.org/COVID-19](http://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.

**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.

**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](#)

### **HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY INFORMATION**

**Volunteers Sought for Testing Centers** - The State Emergency Operations Center is seeking to identify resources available in the local healthcare infrastructure that can be redirected to support the response when Florida begins experiencing medical surge. Please complete the COVID-19 Healthcare Provider Resource Availability Survey. You may access the survey [here](#) .