

Following is a summary of recommendations is followed and to credible resources for additional information:

- The [Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Oral Health](#), strongly recommends that dental practitioners practicing in Kansas voluntarily suspend non-essential or non-urgent dental care for the next 14 days.
- In order for dentistry to do its part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the [ADA recommends](#) dentists nationwide postpone elective procedures for the next three weeks. Concentrating on emergency dental care will allow dental providers to care for emergency patients and alleviate the burden that dental emergencies would place on hospital emergency departments.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Oral Health (DOH) is diligently working with CDC's Emergency Operations Center to develop tailored COVID-19 guidance for dental health care personnel (DHCP). For now, [CDC's guidelines](#) note that, if not clinically urgent, dental health care clinical personnel should consider postponing non-emergency or elective dental procedures in patients who have signs or symptoms of respiratory illness. For procedures which are considered clinically urgent, dental health care personnel and medical providers should work together to determine an appropriate facility for treatment. The urgency of a procedure is a decision based on clinical judgement and should be made on a case-by-case basis.
- The [Kansas Dental Association](#) is tracking and sharing all of the current guidance for dental professionals.

"These recommendations are constantly being updated. Once the stated timelines are passed, it is very likely that they will be extended. If the situation that caused the need for rescheduling non-essential services (dental cleanings, non-emergency restorative care) still exist, further postponement of these services may be necessary."