



Massachusetts  
Dental Hygienists' Association

## **MDS Board Updates Guidance on COVID-19 Office Closures**

As Massachusetts continues to move through what is believed to be the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) Executive Committee and Board of Trustees met today to discuss its COVID-19 guidance for dentists practicing in the Commonwealth. Taking into consideration guidance from the CDC, ADA, Massachusetts DPH, and Governor Baker's administration, the MDS recommends that **dental offices in the Commonwealth remain closed to patients seeking elective and non-urgent care through May 18**. Dentists should continue to be available as needed for emergency management.

The MDS will continue to closely monitor the CDC, ADA, state DPH, and the Governor's guidelines and will consider modifying its recommendation as needed.

Early next week, the ADA will be releasing a Return to Work Interim Guidance Toolkit that dental practitioners should use as a guideline for ramping up to reopen your practices. The MDS will be providing additional resources to help prepare to reopen practices.

More Information can be found at <https://www.massdental.org/>