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The Massachusetts Dental Hygienists' Association is a constituent of the *Only* organization representing dental hygienists. MDHA empowers, educates and advocates for dental hygienists and the patients they treat.

On June 6, 2020 Governor Baker announced that Phase 2 of the 4 Phased Reopening Plan for Massachusetts commences on June 8th. It states that all non-urgent, elective procedures, including routine dental hygiene services, may begin on June 8, 2020 based on a dentist's professional judgment, with compliance and restrictions put into place. (Refer to Reopening Massachusetts Health and Human Services at [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov)) Elective cosmetic procedures will not be allowed until a later phase. It is imperative that offices follow all guidelines set forth by the CDC, OSHA and MA Department of Public Health.

Dental hygienist are a committed dedicated professionals who are eager to return to work provided that safety remain the top priority for patients and providers. As you return to work, please revisit the many sites listed on the MDHA website to ensure you are educated, informed and empowered. The ADHA has provided an amazing Interim Guidance on Returning to Work including patient questionnaires, that can be utilized to help make the transition back to work smoother. The recent MDHA webinar formulated from the numerous questions, that you the hygienists of Massachusetts requested answers to, is still available on the MDHA website. ([massdha.org](https://www.massdha.org)) I encourage each of you to maintain open lines of communication and share the important information from the ADHA, MDHA, CDC, OSHA and the MA Department of Health with your dental team colleagues.

MDHA remains committed to Massachusetts' hygienists. We listen to your concerns. Please be reassured that you have been heard. Together we will move our profession forward because together we are better!

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more you are a leader." John Quincy Adams

Stay healthy.

Be well.

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