Well friends:

In spite of assurances from the Chief Medical Officer that we would be informed well ahead of time of the date that we would be allowed to open our offices the Premier, Denis King announced the entire back to work plan today. Attached is a PDF of the "Renew PEI Together Plan" or you can click the link below for more information.

https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/renew-pei-together

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DENTAL OFFICES : Phase 2 on May 22, 2020, offices will be permitted to open for emergency care.

Phase 3 on June 12, 2020, offices will be permitted to provide **urgent care**.

We have been working on 2 things that have to be in place before May 22, the protocol to be used and getting the PPE's that will be required to open safely for us, our staff and our patients. The Protocol will be ready this week and sent out. It is very similar to the one used by the Centralized Clinics because the CMOH has indicated we will only be doing emergency treatment for our patients. The Protocol is based on the guidelines in place at the Dalhousie Dental Clinic and those in use by the RCDSO for Ontario. There will be changes to the protocol for Phase 3 and we will notify you of these well ahead of time.

Drs Stewart and D'eon have been seeking PPE's and we will let everyone know links to the companies that have indicated they can supply what we will need.

I hope you understand that this caught us off guard but want to assure you that you will know what you need to do and have to open your doors long before the time arrives to do so. Hopefully all the PPE's will arrive over the next couple of weeks as well.

We intend to get the protocol out for you to look at and soon thereafter will hold a webinar to discuss details and answer questions for all of you.

Together we will get through this - keep safe and stay healthy.

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