

During these trying times it is vital that you as the dental leader in your office step up and follow all the guidelines and protocols.

It is up to you - to go through them with your employees and make sure they understand and are comfortable performing the protocols themselves.

You can not ask any staff member to perform any function in your office if they are not comfortable with the level of protection they can access or have any questions about the guidelines. All restrictions on performance of dental treatment by those not registered to do so still apply - probably with a higher level of compliance expected than at any other time.

I have heard of rumors and of cases where staff were pretty well told to go back to work like it was in the past and no education offered them in the how and why of what we are trying to do to protect ourselves and our patients. We will be looking in to these accusations and trust me anyone behaving in this manor will be subject to an inquiry and possible charges of professional misconduct. This is not the time to start acting like this and causing angst and worry within your office and in our profession.

Everyone has enough to worry about without some inconsiderate individuals causing additional headaches for us for any reason. Most of this relies on all members doing the right thing for the right reasons so please try and make sure that is the case.

Take care of each other out there - be safe and play by the rules

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