



Good Afternoon,

Here are the most recent updates as of the afternoon of Friday, May 29th:

Message from the Executive Director

NLDA Members

Over the past few weeks we have met with Government weekly and discussed many items. One of the most operational and important issues was access to PPEs and fit testing masks as we get them. We did seem to make great head way however Government's mind has changed and now they tell us that they will Fit Test those on the Emergency Center list released on May 7th. We have contacted those centers and shared the process of getting an appointment. We will be open on the 8th and then there will be no Emerg Centers so I don't know how they will deal with that.

It is absolutely atrocious and appalling that at a time when we all should pull together for the betterment of Public and society that Government decides that it is ok and proper to not help the Dental Community. Why I don't know. They I am sure can tell us that it is because of a lack of one thing or a need to protect something or their focus on something else. As we know that they have the testers and therefore can do the job we see it as a case of not willing and that is the sad part. The CMO and the Minister talk about flattening the curve and we

are all in this together. Each day we see acts of kindness in our society where people and Companies are going out of their way to help each other such as Dentists of Newfoundland providing 10,000 PPEs to Eastern Health, however Government feels it proper that they should not help Dentists shame on them. I am very disappointed but what can I say.

We will do as we always do and that is take care of our own issues. We have spoken to the Licensing Board and they are stepping up. As soon as they can the Board will have a company in place to do this Fit testing and we do appreciate that. Meanwhile we need quality and reasonable priced Fit-Testers across the province who offer this service so we can get that information out to members. This will be the short term solution to a long term problem. The Board will be the long term solution.

Thanks

Anthony Patey

Executive Director

3D X-Ray Imaging

We have heard from a patient who is in need of a 3D XRay Imaging. If this is something you are able to complete at this time, please let us know and we will let the individual know.

Partners in Oral Health

It has come to our attention that many members staff members are not receiving communications from their associations and this is leading to confusion and uncertainties. We ask that you ask your staff members to contact the NLDA to be added to our communications list if they wish. Please ask that they contact Jody via email: nfdental@nfld.net.

NLDA AGM

As you know, the NLDA's AGM will be held virtually through Zoom this year on June 4th at 6:00pm. You must RSVP to receive the link. **Email Amanda at amanda.nlda@nfld.net to RSVP.**

Our next update will be Wednesday afternoon, June 3rd. We will continue to keep you updated.

Kind Regards,

Amanda Squires on behalf of Dr. Paul Hurley, President of the NLDA

If you have any questions you can contact myself, the Manager of Communications and Members Relations with the NLDA, via email Amanda.nlda@nfld.net or phone: 709-579-2362.