



Good Afternoon,

Here are the most recent updates as of the afternoon of Wednesday, July 15th:

The Gathering Place Dental Clinic

We have great news! We have been told that The Gathering Place Dental Clinic is preparing to open it's doors.

Of course, the Dental Clinic needs volunteers to run so we are looking to you, the NLDA members, to see if you're available to volunteer some of your time. If you're available or have any questions please contact the NLDA office via email:

nfdental@nfld.net or phone: (709) 579-2362.

NLDA Member Surveys

As you've seen, Jody has sent all members the most recent survey earlier this afternoon and can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/77SJJ9Z>.

We have noticed that we have quite low participation rates for our surveys and we want to stress the importance that your answers hold. We, the NLDA, are here to do all that we can to help you as a dentist and these surveys help us do just that! For us to better understand your needs we ask that you take a few minutes and fill out our surveys which are always to provide answers for future projects and provide feedback from things in the past.

We appreciate your comments and participation!

Social Media Campaign

The NLDA worked with the CDA and other PDAs on a social media campaign that will encourage individuals to continue to see their dentist. It will highlight the importance of keeping dental appointments, asking that people be patient if wait times are longer, the infection control measures currently in place for public safety, and more.

This campaign launched on July 7th 2020. Please feel free to share the content on your own social platforms as well for your clinics.

Mental Health and Wellness

Maintaining good mental health and wellness continues to be a priority. Many organizations have developed apps to offer individuals mental health support, tips and other helpful information.

Mental health and wellness support through CDSPI's Members' Assistance Program (MAP) can be accessed by calling 1.844.578.4040 or visiting <https://www.workhealthlife.com/>

Atlantic Bubble and Self-Isolation

We have received several questions regarding the Atlantic Bubble and how this impacts the self-isolation policies. Self isolation policy is set by the CMOs of the Atlantic bubble and reflects the current level of community risk of transmission. At the moment, the CMO has stated that anyone travelling within the Atlantic Bubble does not need to self-isolate.

Always keep in mind that we want you to use your professional judgement.

Media Updates

CBC NL -No new cases of COVID-19 in N.L., as Dr. Fitzgerald pleads for acceptance <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/newfoundland-labrador-covid19-july-15-1.5650267>

Our next update will be Wednesday afternoon, July 22nd. We will continue to keep you updated.

Kind Regards,

Amanda Squires on behalf of Dr. Michelle Zwicker, 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.