



Nova Scotia Dental Association

**Daily COVID-19 Update to NSDA Members –
Wednesday, May 20 2020**

The NSDA will endeavour to provide a weekday COVID-19 update to members with short news bullet points in four identified areas.

- [Return to Practice](#): we're distributing a PPE Shopping List to aid in sourcing PPE and other services such as mask fittings. This list is [attached](#) to today's update and will be contained in an office manual.

- Pandemic Insurance: if you have pandemic insurance and have filed a claim but have not been contacted yet by Aviva, please email CDSPI at: insurance@cdspi.com

- Government Support: **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy to be extended**: Government has announced that the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) will be extended by three months, through August 29, 2020. The government also stated that it will consult with business and labour groups to examine ways to rebalance the program's eligibility criteria, including the 30% revenue decline. They will also expand the eligibility criteria to include partnerships that are up to 50% owned by non-eligible members. The request for an extension of the CEWS program was part of a recent CDA presentation to the House of Commons' Standing Committee on Finance.

- Other: thanks to the members who took time to speak with the Chronicle Herald about the lack of government support for dental offices as small businesses closed due to COVID-19. The Herald story can be viewed here: <https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/provincial/i-hope-i-can-get-back-on-my-feet-dentists-eager-to-return-to-practices-451660/>