

# CDA COVID-19 UPDATE



## A Message for CDA Stakeholders

Below is a snapshot of the Canadian Dental Association's (CDA) pandemic work for the week ending June 26, 2020.

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### **This Week's Fast Facts: COVID-19 Situational Report**

- Currently, there are approximately 9.7 million cases worldwide. This is an approximate increase of 12% of new cases compared to recent averages, which is approaching 15% every week.
- In the United States (U.S.), the number of cases currently exceeds 2.5 million. There is a concerning resurgence in the U.S. and case growth for this week, which again exceeds 13% when most western countries have minimal new case growth. Florida continues to report record number of single-day cases. This spike is associated with the May long weekend, decreased compliance with public health social distancing recommendations, and more infections following group gatherings. States such as Arizona are reporting reaching 80% of hospital capacity. In comparison, Ontario saw 30 new cases per million per day at its peaks, while Arizona currently exceeds 170 new cases per million per day, and Florida exceeds 80 new cases per million per day.
- In Canada, there has been a 1% increase in new cases (lowest since early March) in the past week, with an 8.2% mortality rate largely due to outbreaks in health care settings, long-term care facilities, food processing plants, etc. with Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec still experiencing new cases.
- The situation in Quebec and Ontario has improved significantly and these provinces are finally reporting minimal new daily cases in most regions, with fewer deaths related to COVID-19. In Canada, Quebec represents 64% of all COVID-related deaths and Ontario 31%.
- Ontario currently sees under 180 new cases per day. A number under 200 was the benchmark set by the Chief Medical Officer for further reopening of the

- economy in the province. Other Provinces are cautiously proceeding the next phases of lifting restrictions based on the improved situation.
- The Government of Canada is preparing for a second wave, likely this Fall, and are stockpiling personal protective equipment (PPE).
  - For the dental profession, there needs to be continued vigilance regarding the screening and pre-screening of patients.
  - *The Public Health Agency of Canada's* response to the pandemic has moved from a crisis response to one of long-term management.
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## **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

### **Federal Government Initiatives:**

The Government of Canada continues to work closely with partners to ensure Canadians have access to the information, resources and supplies that they need to stay safe and healthy in response to COVID-19.

CDA continues to monitor PPE stock supplies, but it appears that the gaps between orders made at the federal level and orders received are getting wider. CDA anticipates that the next PPE shortages will be for surgical masks, gowns and potentially gloves. A recent announcement indicated that all NATO countries will immediately be stock piling PPE for a potential second wave, which will place additional strains on supplies of PPE. CDA will report new information as it becomes available.

### **U.S. vs. Canadian N95 Stock:**

It continues to be difficult for Canada to secure N95 respirators from suppliers the U.S. because these products are not allowed to be exported to Canada. Hospitals and other health care facilities in the U.S. have priority to rebuild their stock in efforts to be more prepared for a potential second wave of COVID-19 in the Fall.

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## **CDA's *Return to Practice Task Force* (The Task Force):**

The Task Force includes representatives from all Corporate Member PDAs. The Task Force meets bi-weekly to discuss deliverables for:

1. information exchange on return-to-practice status across the country;
2. strategies for obtaining and securing PPEs; and
3. communications to the public on dentists returning to practice.

### **Upcoming: Tips on Extending the Life of PPE**

To assist the Task Force in its work, CDA Oasis is in the process of putting together a video series with dentists from across the country related to their experiences in return to practice; tips on how to extend the life of PPE in their part of the country; and stories of small companies helping dentists to be creative in managing the PPE shortage. The series will also explore dentists' return to practice processes; how they prepared their staff; and patient communications. CDA Oasis has over 16 dentists lined up to be interviewed, with some already completed. The recruiting process is continuing. As such, should Corporate Member PDAs have a dentist in mind to be interviewed for this series, please forward details to [Dr. Chiraz Guessaier](#). Stay tuned for more information.

**Reminder:** The Task Force continues to review and prioritize its list of deliverables. Any specific expectations or special requests of the Task Force should be fed forward by Corporate Member PDAs to their PDA member Task Force representative.

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## **Knowledge and Information Broker:**

[CDA Oasis](#) is CDA's primary channel of communication for delivering urgent information to the dental community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This week's **CDA Oasis Bulletin** collated relevant and timely "[news that you can use](#)" related to COVID-19.

**New! CDA Essentials Issue 4** is available [online](#). Content specific to COVID-19 includes the *President's Column*, *CDA at Work*, *N95 Respirators Guide*, *Your COVID-19 Questions Answered*, *Using Teledentistry to Reach Patients*, *Helping the Community in the Early Days*, and *Supporting Dentists During the Pandemic*. Read these [articles and more](#).

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## **Mental Health and Wellness:**

With the ever-evolving events around the COVID-19 pandemic, we are all experiencing varying degrees of a normal reaction to an abnormal event. In times of high anxiety and stress, it's more important than ever to safeguard your mental wellness.

The Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) offers credible information and resources about maintaining mental health during this difficult time.

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Visit the MHCC's Resource Hub to find out [what's new](#), review [mental health resources in response to COVID-19](#) (tip sheets; posters; webinars), get links to [provincial mental health resources](#) and [workplace resources](#), and more.



Free counselling, referral and information service for dentists, dental office employees, and their families.

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## CDA Help Desk:

CDA's Help Desk continues to assist dentists and dental office employees on how to navigate and access federal government support programs.

For assistance, please call **1-866-232-0385, M-F, 7:30 A.M. – 8:00 p.m. EDT.**



*The CDA COVID-19 Response Team works diligently on a range of fronts to help minimize and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on the dental profession. CDA is working to address scientific, clinical, economic and business-related matters impacting dentistry, including efforts to increase awareness about the mental health and wellness of dentists, their families and dental office employees during these challenging times. CDA will communicate regular updates as new information becomes available.*



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