

Question:

What would it take for you to think that you need to start slowing down your clinic? Covid Prevalence? Hospital Capacity?

Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/dental-settings.html>

Consider if elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent outpatient visits should be postponed in certain circumstances.

Provide dental treatment only after you have assessed the patient and considered both the risk to the patient of deferring care and the risk to DHCP and patients of healthcare-associated SARS-CoV-2 transmission. Ensure that you have the appropriate amount of personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies to support your patients. If PPE and supplies are limited, prioritize dental care for the highest need, most vulnerable patients first – those at most risk if care is delayed. DHCP should apply the guidance found in the [Framework for Healthcare Systems Providing Non-COVID-19 Clinical Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) to determine how and when to resume non-emergency dental care. DHCP should stay informed and regularly consult with the [state or local health department](#) for region-specific information and recommendations. [Monitor trends](#) in local case counts and deaths, especially for populations at higher risk for severe illness.