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COVID-19 UPDATED NOTICE TO DENTAL PROFESSIONALS

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On March 21, 2020, the Board of Dentistry issued an [Advisory](#) stating that dentists should cancel or postpone any elective, non-essential, or “routine” service until at least April 20, 2020, to limit exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 and preserve personal protective equipment.

On March 23, 2020, Governor Murphy issued [Executive Order No. 109](#), which suspended all “elective” surgeries performed on adults, whether medical or dental, and all “elective” invasive procedures performed on adults, whether medical or dental, effective March 27, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. An “elective” surgery or invasive procedure, for purposes of this Order, is defined as any surgery or invasive procedure that can be delayed without undue risk to the current or future health of the patient as determined by the patient’s treating physician or dentist.

Executive Order No. 109 remains in effect until further notice. Therefore, dentists are not permitted to resume “elective” surgeries and invasive procedures for adult patients until further notice, notwithstanding the reference to April 20 in the Board’s Advisory.