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Q5

No

Do you support the proposed Supplementary risk management principles for oral health during the COVID-19 pandemic? If you do not support the draft, please share your concerns, reasons for your view, and proposed alternatives if you have any.

Q6

Please share any comments you have below:

- Relying heavily on triage questions: Early symptoms can be easy to dismiss, some may also be asymptomatic. With long waiting lists in many practices, some patients may be so eager to be seen they could dismiss symptoms as something else. A clinician relies heavily on the patient. It has been evident in hospitals where positive cases have been confirmed during a consultation/treatment even with triage questions answered "No"
With that said, unless patients have clinical symptoms they will be seen as it is very hard to determine otherwise.
- Ventilation: If some patients slip through the triage questions, ventilation is extremely important. Some practices have hopeless air conditioning units, very small surgeries with no windows with combined multiple surgeries operating at the same time.

Upgraded air conditioning units with hospital grade filters in every practice and portable filtration units for small rooms with no natural ventilation should be MANDATED within a small timeframe and not highly recommended.

Highly recommended is up to interpretation and may take years to implement and/or never happen leaving the clinician vulnerable.

As a hygienist who produces the most treatment aerosols, a mandate of the above would be a huge relief given the current pandemic is ever changing. This would enable better protection for patients, clinicians, staff, and family/friends. Without it, it is something that may make some hygienists unfortunately question their career.
