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Your details

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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:

Agree with the requirement to change gowns after unvaccinated (moderate-high risk patients) AND for aerosol generating procedures (excluding the use of a slow speed handpiece) but to do this in every patient after every procedure is not reasonable.

Require clarification regarding our right to ask patients for their vaccination status as the requirements for stand-down and scheduling the appointment book revolves around this.

There is inconsistency in these guidelines in that an unvaccinated patient being treated in a closed clinic would need a 15-30min stand down, whereas the same patient and procedure in a multichair/open clinic would not need to be stood down though this would likely pose a greater threat of transmission.

A significant portion of orthodontic patients are under 12yrs and not currently eligible for vaccination. To consider them as moderate risk before they are eligible for vaccination is disadvantageous to those treating this age group.

I worry that these guidelines will see practitioners defer treatment in young/unvaccinated patients resulting in increased severity of the presenting orthodontic issues at a later age.
