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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:

I have concerns regarding the categorisation of the under 12y olds (due to not being vaccinated) all being placed in the "moderate risk"category.

I also have some concerns over elements of the proposed changes to PPE particularly with reference to gowns. My understanding is that from when the traffic light system comes into place, at EVERY level, we will be required to change our gowns between each patient or wear an apron over our gown and change that between each patient. The disposable aprons available arguably create more waste than the long sleeve impervious disposable gowns that we've been wearing at level 3.

The options if we're being mindful of the environment, under this proposal, are to either have literally dozens of washable gowns or washable aprons and launder them commercially. For most practices washing/drying of this many gowns/aprons on a daily basis would be near impossible time wise unless commercially laundered.

What are we trying to achieve here that warrants diverging away from our current IPC practice standard in terms of short sleeve gown wearing?

Most dentist's, hygienist's and assistant's gowns are removed by pulling over our heads, same goes for aprons. Arguably once we've performed AGP our heads have surface contaminants present, changing our gowns between each patient (with over the head donning/doffing), would not eliminate cross contamination of our gowns. I think it would be better to stay with the existing IPC practice standard guidelines for gowns for treatment of both low and medium patient risk groups.
