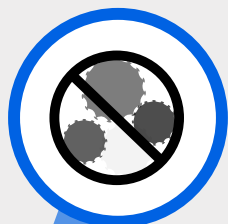


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- tips for primary care providers (Dentists)

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Infection control

Make sure you maintain an infection control mechanism in a high standard, during this highly risky period. You should ensure that all touchable surfaces, such as door handles and waiting areas are all cleaned following every patient.

Telephone consultations are advised to be completed prior to attendance of a patient.

2



Patients care

Individual risk assessments are required to be completed for patients, which should include existing medical conditions, current signs of illness and pain. You should also record any discomfort or fears expressed by the patient about the treatment, due to the existing situation.

Please discuss clearly and openly with the patient before agreeing on a current treatment plan.

3



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Please ensure that sufficient amounts of PPE are available and do not stock pile resources. Following BDA concerns in February, the Department of Health and Social Care has indicated significant central stockpiles of masks will be available.

You are not required to wear a FFP3 mask in general dental practice. This is only required for healthcare workers with patients waiting for COVID-19 test results.

4



Self-isolation

The guidance since 9 March is to self isolate for 7 days, where a person is symptomatic and lives alone. This increases to 14 days, where there are other people in the household.

We must minimise the vulnerable groups being exposed to this virus. Anyone over the age of 70 and those with underlying health conditions or pregnant should be social distancing for 12 weeks. As a general guide, if someone is offered a flu vaccine, they are likely to fall into this category.

5



Statutory Sick Pay

Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) is due if your staff member needs to self-isolate because,

- they have coronavirus;
- they have coronavirus symptoms, for example, a high temperature or new continuous cough;
- someone in their household has coronavirus symptoms
- they've been told to self-isolate by a doctor or NHS 111.

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Statutory leave & time off

As well as individuals being unwell and off sick, employees are entitled to time off work to help take care of a dependant in an unexpected event or emergency, such as Coronavirus.

There is no statutory right to pay for this time off. However, you may mutually agree with your staff to use their annual leave to take care of a dependant.

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