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Dear CDHBC Registrants,

Over the last week minds have started turning to a possible loosening of the current restrictions and recommendations surrounding the pandemic response. For now, the College is still strongly recommending refraining from providing non-essential care. We are taking our lead from Dr. Bonnie Henry and, at this time, she has not changed the instructions provided in her March 23rd letter to regulated health professionals. It is perhaps timely to review that letter by clicking [here](#).

We want you to know that the College is working collaboratively with the other oral health colleges, the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer on a return to providing non-essential care plan. We will be creating recommendations and guidelines to ensure that the public receives safe care in this new environment. When the time is right, we will be sharing these guidelines with all oral health care professionals.

While you await a possible return to providing care, you may find that having something other than the pandemic to think about may be a welcome relief and also help you prepare for the eventual return to work. This may be a good opportunity to explore the following:

- Familiarize yourself with the recent changes to the *Dental Hygienists Regulation* and CDHBC Bylaws, as well as the new CDHBC Practice Standards (#9 and #10). Please click [here](#) to see the resources related to the changes.
- Catch up on recent CDHBC webinars and presentations which are also eligible for continuing competency credits. These can be viewed on the College's YouTube channel by clicking [here](#).
- Work on your QAP and explore your Online Learning Plan (OLP). Videos and resources on how to input information and fulfill Required Learning Plan requirements via the OLP platform are available on the College's Quality Assurance Help and Resources page by clicking [here](#).
- Complete learning activities for continuing competency credit that are available for self-study or online. The College has gathered a list of learning activities that are available online, organized by subcategory. Many of these online learning opportunities are available free of charge. Please understand that the College does not normally recommend or endorse particular learning activities and typically requires registrants to use their professional judgement in selecting appropriate learning opportunities and providers. However, during these challenging times, we wanted to provide a starting place for registrants to help guide you toward learning activities that are available during this time of social distancing. Please see the link [here](#) and note that this is not an all-encompassing list. There are many other providers with learning opportunities available.

We recognize that even with a 'pause' in providing care, this pandemic may have created other pressures and commitments, like the home schooling of children for instance. We only provide you this information as a resource should you wish to explore these areas.

Please do not hesitate to reach out during this time with any questions or concerns you may have. While the Victoria office is temporarily closed, CDHBC staff are continuing to work remotely to fulfill our mandate of public protection and ensure College operations continue moving forward.

In health,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Lawrence". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Jennifer Lawrence
Registrar/CEO