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URGENT Message from Registrar/CEO about COVID-19: Follow-up to March 16 communique

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To the registrants of the College of Dental Hygienists of BC:

Further to our March 16 communication to all registrants, please make yourself familiar with the following practices and policies to be implemented immediately in regard to the current COVID-19 outbreak:

While CDHBC does not have the statutory authority to make it mandatory to suspend dental hygiene care, we strongly advise all registrants to follow our recommendation that all elective and non-essential dental hygiene services be suspended immediately.

During this rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic, CDHBC expects registrants to conduct themselves ethically and safely and to recognize their professional obligation to make prudent decisions regarding the provisions of patient care given the current environment.

In relation to the news from the Public Health Officer that all PDC attendees must now self-isolate until March 22, 2020, we can clarify that it pertains to all attendees, regardless of the dates attended. In addition, to further clarify, the Provincial Health Officer is concerned about the first degree of separation. This means the instruction to self-isolate only pertains to those who actually attended the conference. At this time, it does not pertain to family members, friends, patients, etc. who have been in contact with the attendee. CDHBC, in collaboration with CDSBC has published an FAQ on self-isolation for registrants who attended PDC. Please [click here](#) to access that FAQ.

We acknowledge that these are extraordinary and stressful times, and we are committed to working as a strong and united organization, to work with each of you to address these challenging issues and ultimately protect the public. If you have any questions related to employment matters, including eligibility for Employment Insurance, please direct them to the BC Dental Hygienists Association. It is the responsibility of all medical professionals to stay up to date with the requirements of provincial and federal public health agencies to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public, staff and yourselves.

We will continue to provide you with updated, pertinent information as we receive it.

We thank you for your prompt attention and co-operation to these vital matters.

Warm Regards,
Jennifer Lawrence
Registrar/CEO