

# Dental Practice Protocols to Help Stop Covid-19 Transmission



Dental practices should adopt the following protocols to help stop the transmission of COVID-19:

- Always follow local public health authority guidelines, such as the movement of people and the range of services you can provide.
- Have a current risk management plan in place.
- Screen your workers, patients and visitors for risks of COVID-19 by following protocols.
- Follow any physical distancing requirements, except where not possible such as when providing care.
- Comply with both standard and transmission-based precautions according to the current ADA guidelines.
- Use appropriate PPE relevant to the care provided and ensure it is readily available.
- Patients should be able to practice hand hygiene before leaving any treatment areas.
- Perform correct and frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces, such as with detergent and disinfection wipes or solution (or a combination of these).
- As part of your risk management plan, training and practice of protocols should be undertaken with all employees, i.e. infection prevention and control relative to COVID-19 including appropriate use of PPE, and compliance monitoring conducted.