California Dental Association distributes PPE to licensed dentists statewide
Supplies from state’s pandemic response stockpile designated for California dentists

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Sacramento, Calif. — The California Dental Association is distributing approximately 25,000 personal protective equipment kits to licensed dentists in California. The critical supply of masks, face shields and gowns is from California’s pandemic response stockpile and was made available to CDA by the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services. The state of California procured large supplies of surgical masks and other PPE, which are in short supply through traditional, commercial distribution channels, by contracting directly with manufacturers and is now making this supply available to health care providers statewide.

Through this procurement, CDA has taken delivery of 4 million surgical masks, as well as tens of thousands of N95 and KN95 masks, face shields and surgical gowns. CDA is uniquely positioned to distribute PPE by using its online dental supplier, TDSC.com, as a fulfillment mechanism. TDSC.com staff repackaged the supplies as evenly as possible to maximize their distribution to all licensed dentists in California, regardless of whether the dentist is a CDA member.

“CDA strongly advocated for dentists, who are essential health care providers, to be allotted masks and other PPE that is badly needed for practitioners to resume providing oral health care to Californians,” said Dr. Richard Nagy, president of the California Dental Association. “Dental pain and infection are a common reason people seek help in hospital emergency rooms, and it’s critical for dentists to have necessary PPE to provide care and prevent patients from going to the ER for dental problems during this pandemic.”

The PPE kits generally contain 150 Level 2 surgical masks and a small quantity of N95 and KN95 masks, face shields and gowns. Dentists interested in obtaining a PPE kit, which will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis for a $20 shipping and handling charge, may visit TDSC.com/freePPE. A valid dental license will be required to complete a purchase and will be validated before products are shipped.

Additionally, county emergency management authorities across California will continue to provide PPE to dentists locally as it is made available. CDA is committed to continue working with the state to obtain a steady stream of PPE for dentists to maintain their practices and ensure the safety of their patients and dental teams.

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