California Dental Association strongly recommends dentists voluntarily suspend nonessential or nonurgent dental care for the next 14 days

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Sacramento, Calif. — As the facts and situation around COVID-19 (coronavirus) continue to evolve, and in step with Gov. Gavin Newsom’s recent declaration of a state of emergency in California, including the call for all seniors over the age of 65 and residents with chronic conditions to self-isolate at home, the California Dental Association is requesting the cooperation of all California dentists and issuing the following guidance through this statement to our members:

CDA strongly recommends that dentists practicing in California voluntarily suspend nonessential or nonurgent dental care for the next 14 days. As always, it is expected that dentists will continue to be available as needed for emergency care and services.

CDA does not make this request lightly, and it is being done out of an abundance of caution during this historic public health emergency. As health care professionals, dentists can help “flatten the curve” of coronavirus by following sound, scientific public health advice to help limit infections and slow the spread of COVID-19.

“We believe by taking these extraordinary precautions dentists can make a difference in helping to preserve the limited supply of personal protective equipment critical for emergency dental care and frontline health care personnel responding to the pandemic,” said CDA President Richard Nagy, DDS. “CDA recognizes the gravity of these extreme measures and is sensitive to the economic impact of such actions on California dentists and their teams.”

Our collective actions now will determine the spread of COVID-19, and this recommendation is being made after careful deliberation and in consultation with state and national public health experts.

Dentists who have questions about what to do next following this announcement may get the latest information and support at cda.org/covid19 or by contacting CDA Practice Support at 800.232.7645.

About the California Dental Association
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dentistry in California. Founded in 1870, CDA is committed to the success of our members in service to their patients and the public. CDA also contributes to the oral health of Californians through various comprehensive programs and advocacy. CDA’s membership consists of more than 27,000 dentists, making it the largest constituent of the American Dental Association. For more information, visit cda.org.

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