



CDSS Alert – COVID-19 Pandemic: IPC Interim Protocol

Phase 1 Update - May 19, 2020

Nitrous Oxide Sedation

Following further review of the literature, the use of Nitrous Oxide sedation is **now permitted under Phase 1** of COVID-19 Pandemic: IPC Interim Protocol for non-COVID-19 patients that have undergone complete screening and are informed of the possible risks. CDSS members must confirm that the scavenging system is in good working order and that the oxygen is flowing and the scavenging system has been activated prior to applying the nasal hood. Following treatment, all touch surfaces must be disinfected and all down flow tubing and components must be replaced or sterilized (following manufactures instructions). All current CDSS Sedation Guidelines with regards to Nitrous Oxide are to be followed.

Laser Instrumentation and Electrocautery

Laser instrumentation (Hard and Soft tissue) and Electrocautery is **now permitted under Phase 1** of COVID-19 Pandemic: IPC Interim Protocol for non-COVID-19 patients that have undergone complete screening and are informed of the possible risks. All laser and electrocautery procedures produce an aerosol and as such may be used if treatment is deemed emergent or urgent and if the treatment is restricted to an ACE (including the required closed room settle time) with AGP PPE as stated in the CDSS Alert – COVID-19 Pandemic: IPC Interim Protocol Update April 27th, 2020.