

CDSS Alert – COVID-19 Pandemic: IPC Interim Protocol Update

CDSS Alert – October 15, 2020

All CDSS members are required to review this CDSS Alert

CDSS objective:

- Safe transition to dental care in Saskatchewan in coordination with the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan.
- Safety for patients, families and communities.
- Safety for dental providers, staff and their families.

At this time, the standard should be for each dental facility to utilize professional judgement in collaboration with their dental teams to provide the highest level of PPE and maintain the safest facility requirements as outlined in the CDSS Alert – COVID-19 Pandemic: IPC Interim Protocol Update-Phase 4.

Please be aware that current research shows the social areas within an office (lunch rooms, shared offices and washrooms) have the highest risk for transmission of SARS-CoV-2.

Some epidemiologists suggest we are in a second wave or outbreak and the CDSS advise members to maintain the capacity to easily return to previous Phases if directed by the CDSS or the CMHO. This includes maintaining a supply of PPE and maintaining facility requirements if a return to a previous phase is required.

CDSS members are required to be familiar and follow all current CDSS COVID-19 protocols, CDSS standards, guidelines, policies, and [bylaws](#). Members can access these documents on the [CDSS members website](#) under, Professional Resources / Professional Practice Standards.

The CDSS continues to monitor and stay up to date with changing circumstances and developments and may update or modify CDSS COVID-19 protocols as the pandemic evolves depending on the accumulation of evidence-based research, trends, and data.