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APPALACHIAN ORAL SURGERY CENTER MEMO

TOPIC: Operations regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

DATE: Sunday, March 15th, 2020

TO: Our Family of Patients

Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is an issue that we must face together, as a Family. For the safety of our patients, ourselves, and our communities, we have decided starting Monday, March 16th, 2020:

- 1) **AOSC will OPEN TO TREAT DENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY**
- 2) **AOSC will RESCHEDULE ALL ELECTIVE PROCUDURES (e.g., consultations, surgeries)**

If patients are symptomatic, we request that the CDC guidelines are followed:

Reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/index.html>

A report released on Friday, March 13th, 2020, from the American College of Surgeons titled, "COVID-19: Recommendations for Management of Elective Surgical Procedures" quoted below,

Each hospital, health system, and surgeon should thoughtfully review all scheduled elective procedures with a plan to minimize, postpone, or cancel electively scheduled operations, endoscopies, or other invasive procedures until we have passed the predicted inflection point in the exposure graph and can be confident that our health care infrastructure can support a potentially rapid and overwhelming uptick in critical patient care needs.

Time is of the essence. Please be vigilant and take a leadership role in your practice setting so that these recommendations begin to take hold immediately.

Sincerely,

David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS ACS Executive Director

Patricia L. Turner, MD, FACS Director, ACS Member Services

Reference: <https://www.facs.org/about-acsc/covid-19/information-for-surgeons>



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A report released on Sunday, March 15th, 2020, from the Ohio State Dental Board titled, “Important COVID-19 message for Dentists” quoted below,

Thank you for your elevated vigilance and due diligence in ensuring that Ohioans are receiving dental services in a safe manner in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Out of an abundance of caution, dentists are requested to postpone elective surgery for their patients if it will not put the patient's health in danger. This will help with the following:

- 1. Maintain safe distances in ambulatory clinical/hospital settings.***
- 2. Prevent the risk of inadvertent transmission of the virus.***
- 3. Preserve inventory of supplies for critical cases.***
- 4. Preserve hospital capacity for critical cases.***

Reference: <https://dental.ohio.gov/News/important-covid-19-message-for-dentists>

Appalachian Oral Surgery Center has implemented these guidelines immediately for both offices (located in Morgantown and Clarksburg). As stated above, the office will be open to treat dental emergency procedures only.

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For patient queries, please contact AOSC directly at (304) 322 – 4532. This will begin Monday, March 16th, 2020.

We appreciate your support and understanding during this time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matt Koepke on behalf of the Team at AOSC