

Dental Practice and COVID-19, Regional LPHA Meetings

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Dental Practices in Missouri are OPEN

- ▶ Many parts of the state opened on May 4, the rest on May 15, 2020
- ▶ MDA, MPCA, ODH Guidelines for Opening Dental Offices, May 1, 2020
 - ▶ Most offices are following the guidelines
 - ▶ All dental offices are struggling with PPEs
 - ▶ Low risk vs no risk
- ▶ There will be exposures!
 - ▶ According to the CDC, as of May 28 there are no reported clusters of infections from dental practices
 - ▶ No clusters of Dental Health Care Workers acquired from dental practice
- ▶ 2 Missouri dentists have died from COVID-19 infections both acquired outside of the dental practice

Dental Practice Outside the Dental Office

- ▶ School based dental programs
 - ▶ Mobile Dental Providers - low to moderate risk Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP)
 - ▶ Dental Sealant Programs - low risk AGP
 - ▶ Screening Activities and fluoride varnish programs (PSP) - low risk AGP
 - ▶ Information sheet from PSP
- ▶ CDC recommendations

Dental Program Opportunities

- ▶ School Based Teledentistry contracts - August 2020
- ▶ Nursing Home Teledentistry contracts - August 2020
- ▶ CDC Dental Sealant Program with Promotion- September 2020

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