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COVID-19 Update

Fallow Times and Enclosed Operatories Guidance Rescinded

Dear Registered Denturists,

The CDO has been working in partnership with our Oral Health Professions regulatory partners (RCDSO, CDHO, CDTO) to support unified COVID-19 guidance.

There has been updated guidance today for registrants of RCDSO and CDHO as it relates to fallow times and enclosed operatories that you should be aware of.

The key changes from RCDSO and CDHO includes:

- **Fallow time is no longer recommended or required following aerosol-generating procedures (AGPs) for any patient.**
- **Enclosed operatories are no longer recommended or required for patients who have screened or tested negative for COVID-19.**

These coordinated changes reflect the reviewing of key requirements for aerosol-mitigation, including fallow times and enclosed operatories, after consultation with our regulatory partners, infectious disease experts, oral health subject matter experts, and academic program administrators.

As a result of these in-depth discussions regarding the use of fallow times and enclosed operatories and the presence of aerosol generating medical procedures, the Oral Health Regulators have issued this updated guidance today.

What this means for Registered Denturists:

- Denturists should be aware that their dental colleagues are no longer required to follow fallow time requirements and Denturists along with their dental colleagues, are no longer required to keep their operatories enclosed for patients who are not suspected or confirmed with COVID-19.
- Denturists, Dentists, Dental Hygienist, and Dental Technologists are strongly encouraged to retain existing capacity for enclosed operatories or ensure temporary barriers can be reconstructed due to the fluctuation in the COVID-19 pandemic and new variants of concern.
- All existing requirements for the use of personal protective equipment is maintained at this time.

