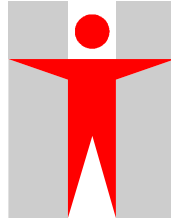


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Dear Dentists,

Update on COVID-19

Since our update to you on 10 June 2020, there are increased community outbreaks recently and there are many local cases without identifiable sources. The risk of asymptomatic and presymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 in the community has increased significantly. The Government has stepped up various public health measures again, including mandatory wearing of face masks in transportation and public indoors areas, limit on number of people gathering in public.

As the risk of asymptomatic and presymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 in the dental setting is also significantly increased, we would like to recommend the dental profession to avoid aerosol generating procedures without rubber dam. You may also consider postponing certain non-urgent elective dental treatments.

Please continue to screen and identify possible infectious patients and clients attending your clinics or facilities by temperature measurement, checking signs and symptoms, and taking travelling, occupation, contact and cluster (TOCC) history. **Patients with fever, respiratory symptoms or other symptoms COVID-19 must be recommended to seek medical care immediately. Dental treatment should be limited to emergency treatment and no aerosol generating procedures should be provided to them.**

In case dental services are to be provided, please strictly adhere to the infection control principles and measures relevant to the dental practice as promulgated by the CHP. Proper wearing of surgical facemasks, personal protective equipment, and hand hygiene should be strictly observed.

Moreover, to reduce aerosol generation and mitigate the potential contamination of aerosol generated, we highly recommend:

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1. the use of pre-procedural mouth rinse with suitable antiseptic solution (such as povidone- iodine, hydrogen peroxide, chlorhexidine);
2. high volume suction;
3. rubber dam isolation (including split-dam technique) if applicable for aerosol generating procedures; and
4. using the 3-in-1 syringe with care.

We will continue to closely monitor the development of the situation. Thank you very much for your continuous support and collaborative effort to help in the prevention and control of infectious diseases.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wiley Lam". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

(Dr. Wiley LAM)
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