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Hello AAP members,

The American Dental Association recently released [recommendations](#) on what constitutes emergency versus non-emergency procedures in a dental office. This information is intended to help practitioners determine how and when to most safely treat patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The AAP advises that its members follow these recommendations while also looking to state dental boards, associations, and licensing agencies for more specific, localized information.



As periodontists, we should rely on our clinical acumen and specialized training to determine when a patient is in need of emergency treatment. Similar to the recommendation to postpone elective procedures for period of time, this counsel from the ADA aims to help dental professionals contain the spread of the novel coronavirus

Supporting our health and dental colleagues allows us to stand shoulder-to-shoulder as health care professionals in managing this unprecedented health crisis. There is no simple answer to any of this, but we encourage you to continue to share your experiences and best practices with each other through the Open Forum and AAP social media channels. Also, continue to stay tuned to [perio.org](#) for updated information and keep a look out for future communications from me.

Stay safe and be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan J. Frantz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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