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Dear Fellow Members of the American Dental Assistants Association,

Profound changes have occurred in both our personal and professional lives over the last two weeks. During this period my thoughts have often touched on you, my fellow dental assistants, worrying about the effect that these changes will have on both the individual and the profession.

The American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) and its Board of Trustees are concerned about the health and well-being of all dental assistants during this time of crisis. We want all dental assistants to know that the ADAA is available to them as a trusted resource for information during this period. ADAA has created a resource at <https://www.adaausa.org/Education/Coronavirus-COVID-19> containing information about COVID-19 from groups like the Centers for Disease Control (CDC); the Organization for Safety, Asepsis, and Prevention (OSAP), the National Institutes for Health (NIH); and the World Health Organization (WHO). We hope this information will help guide us all through the next few weeks with information related to COVID-19, CDC recommendations, financial assistance from the government and other topics of interest.



As we enter this period of social distancing and self-quarantine (self-isolation), it is important to remember that none of us are alone. One easy way to connect with other dental assistants is through the [ADAA's Facebook Group](#) where relevant group discussions can always be found. We also have [two live webinars](#) being broadcast next week which will allow for interaction through the question and answer periods. Alternatively, this could be the perfect time to explore the [ADAA's online educational offerings](#) to brush up and/or enhance skills in a variety of different areas. Remember that as a member, the full library of continuing education is available to you at no cost.

One of those webinars is entitled ["COVID-19 Coronavirus – How to Protect Your Dental Office and Patients"](#) and is being given by [Mary Govoni, CDA, RDH, MBA](#), an internationally recognized speaker, author and consultant, who has been working with dental teams for over 45 years on infection prevention and control, clinical efficiency and ergonomics. This webinar will be offered at no cost to nonmembers as well as members. Please spread the word to your friends and coworkers within the dental assisting profession.

"The people who make dental assisting a profession!"



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We have also been working with states providing guidance and assistance in how to continue to conduct the business of their society during these challenging times.

In regard to the overall operation of the ADAA office, I would like to share with you an excerpt from an email that I received from John and Catherine Kasper, the principals of our management company Solutions for Associations (SFA):

As the principals of SFA, we are greatly concerned with the health and safety of our employees, the members of the organizations with whom we work and the organizations themselves. To that end, please know that while we are closely monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and making adjustments at our workplace to promote recommended protocols such as social distancing, it's still business as usual when it comes to our ability to support the ADAA. We are taking every possible precaution to ensure that we can continue to provide both the ADAA and our employees with the service and support that they need.

I will keep you updated on ADAA's actions and responses as we continue to navigate our way through this difficult time. Your suggestions for additional credible resources to add to our website continue to be appreciated.

Now is the time for all of us to work together to support and encourage both our member and nonmember dental assistants, as well as the dental assisting profession itself.

Please take care of yourselves and your families and above all, stay safe and healthy and remain positive! We are strong, we are resilient, we are dental assistants!

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