



COVID-19 Update for CDHA members **June 17, 2020**

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Dear member,

Return to Work Guidance

CDHA's comprehensive downloadable [Return to Work Handbook](#), including questions to ask your employer, has been updated. Updates include information about respiratory protection programs, fraudulent PPE, environmental disinfection, and fallow time. Recommended reading, viewing, and listening has also been enhanced. Download it today!

CERB Extension Announced

The Prime Minister announced that eligibility for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) will be extended by eight weeks for those who have been getting the CERB and still can't work because they are unable to find a job, or it's just not possible. Government is looking at international best practices, monitoring the economy and the progression of the virus to see what changes if any, need to be made to the program. The Prime Minister acknowledged that some sectors will come back more quickly than others, and that while a lot of people will be able to work, not everyone will.

Leaving Your IPC Policy Up in the Air?

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New supplemental curriculum alert!

Dr. Mia Geisinger and Katrina Sanders RDH have answered your most pressing questions from this recent webinar. Download the 13-page Q&A document that now accompanies the presentation and don't forget to review the 4-page reference handout that establishes the foundation for the presentation.

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Join the Member Advocacy Campaign to Help Improve Access for PPE!

Send a letter to your Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP)/Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) to raise awareness about PPE needs for the safe reopening of dental hygiene services. Over 1,030 letters have been sent across Canada since the campaign started on June 5. [Click here](#) to send your letter today!

(Note: The Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists Association has withdrawn from this initiative and is continuing with their own efforts on behalf of Saskatchewan dental hygienists in this matter.)

Professional Liability Insurance Questions?

For those of you with questions regarding your professional liability insurance as you return to work, please contact BMS, CDHA's insurance broker, at 1-855-318-6557 or cdha.insurance@bmsgroup.com. The BMS representatives would be happy to provide guidance.

Feeling Stressed as You Return to Work?

If you're feeling stressed or anxious with the new protocols and standards as you return to work or about the long-term effects of living in a pandemic, a reminder that access to the [Homewood Health Member and Family Assistance Program](#) is included with your CDHA membership. Among the resources available to you and your family members are counselling service and online resources on stress management, work life balance, child-care, and career planning.

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*Please be well and take care of yourselves in this difficult time.
Everyone can do their part to slow COVID-19.*