



## **COVID-19 Update for CDHA members May 22, 2020**

### **CDHA is Here to Help**

Read our latest updates: [www.cdha.ca/safetyalerts](http://www.cdha.ca/safetyalerts)

Email us: [alerts@cdha.ca](mailto:alerts@cdha.ca)

Dear member,

### **Return to Work Guidance**

A comprehensive downloadable [Return to Work Handbook](#), including questions to ask your employer, is now available for CDHA members. This handbook complements the [Return to Work](#) webpage providing interim guidance for dental hygienists considering a return to work during the COVID-19 pandemic and includes questions to ask your employer.

### **New Free Webinar: [Leaving Your IPC Policy Up in the Air?](#)**

*Sponsored by Hu-Friedy*

Dr. Mia Geisinger and Katrina M. Sanders, RDH, will discuss the “invisible” risks within the dental operatory. Evaluate SARS-CoV-2, its underlying virology, and transmissibility. Gather up-to-date infection control recommendations and look at the emerging evidence that may become integrated into our infection control repertoire as we move forward.

### **COVID-19 Video: Employment Q&A**

Stuart Rudner, employment lawyer and mediator at Rudner Law, answers your pressing questions about returning to work. This video is available on [CDHA's YouTube Channel](#) and [COVID-19 related learning](#) webpage. A downloadable PDF will be available early next week.

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## **COMING SOON: New Free Webinar Redefining IPAC: It's All About the New Routine**

*Sponsored by Colgate | Release date: June 3*

The Coronavirus pandemic has brought the dental hygiene profession to a halt. As a result, routine practice of infection prevention and control (IPAC) requires redefining with an expansion of risk management and personal protective equipment (PPE) elements. This presentation will examine viable solutions to continue the delivery of therapeutic and preventive oral health care while using a safe and effective approach.

## **Free Professional Development**

New [COVID-19 related learning](#) is available now! [Online courses](#), [webinars](#), and videos are added as they become available so check back often.

## **2020 Summit Announcement**

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Summit is postponed to October 2022. The 2020 annual general meeting (AGM) will be held virtually. Details will be released once available.

## **COVID-19 Support Fund**

CDHA is overseeing the [distribution of a donation from Crest + Oral-B](#) that will provide monetary support to a limited number of members experiencing extraordinary financial hardship as a direct result of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Deadline to apply: Monday, May 25, at noon ET.

## **Latest announcements about the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)**

Last week the government announced an extension to the CEWS by an additional 12 weeks to August 29, 2020. The government will consult with key business and labour representatives over the next month on potential adjustments to the program. The CEWS application process launched April 27.

## **Latest announcements about the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)**

This week, the government announced an expansion to the eligibility criteria for the CEBA to include many owner-operated small businesses. The program will now be available to a greater number of businesses that are sole proprietors receiving income directly from their businesses.

CDHA will continue to provide updates as they become available.

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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.*

