



COVID-19 Update for CDHA Members May 13, 2021

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Dear member,

We need 2 minutes of your time for another quick poll!

(le français suit l'anglais)

6.8% of surveyed dental hygienists in the US have had COVID-19 (3/1/2021), lower than the estimated percentage of the American population. Help us find out the number of diagnosed positive COVID-19 cases for dental hygienists in Canada. Please complete our 2-minute poll [here](#).

Les résultats d'un sondage de mars dernier auprès des hygiénistes dentaires américaines a démontré que 6,8 % d'entre eux ont été diagnostiqués avec la COVID-19. Nous sollicitons votre participation pour que nous puissions déterminer le nombre de cas de COVID-19 diagnostiqué ici au Canada. Veuillez prendre 2 minutes pour répondre à notre court [sondage](#).

Webcasts with information on vaccines available

The National Collaborating Centre for infectious Diseases (NCCID) hosted [numerous webcasts](#) with experts on different topics related to COVID-19 vaccines. Webcasts include: [Recommendations of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\) on Extended Dose Intervals for COVID-19 Vaccines](#) and [PHAC: COVID-19 Vaccine Emerging Issues Webinar: Vaccine-induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia \(VITT\)](#).

COVID-19 and its challenges for parents

COVID-19 has brought many challenges for dental hygienists in their work environments, but it has also brought challenges for those of you with children. Your children have had to adjust to wearing PPE, changes in their education,

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restrictions in ability to see friends or participate in their favourite extracurricular activities. Please read the Government of Canada's [COVID-19 resources for parents and children](#), and check with your own provincial government's websites for ideas on how to help you and your children cope and adjust to the ongoing pandemic. Homewood Health, a CDHA member benefit, also has some great resources, including one titled *Children and Youth Mental Health*.

Go to Homewood Health's [registration page](#) and register to gain access.

Authorized vaccines for children 12-17

Health Canada [authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#) in children 12 to 15 years of age on May 5. You can find guidance on making the decision to vaccinate your child on the [Vaccines for children: Deciding to vaccinate](#) page.

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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.*