



COVID-19 Update for CDHA Members May 25, 2021

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Dear member,

Number of COVID-19 cases within the Canadian dental hygiene community

As of March 1, 2021, ADHA reported that 6.8% of American dental hygienists surveyed had contracted COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic. A total of 2,754 dental hygienists responded to CDHA's confidential poll (May 13 - 20, 2021). Results indicate that 3.45% of respondents have tested positive for COVID-19 compared to a [national average](#) of 4.1% as of May 20, 2021. Dental hygienists that tested positive to COVID-19 were asked to identify the source of transmission. The results are as follow:

Source of transmission (n= 97 responses)

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| • Unknown | 30% |
| • Direct transmission from a person | 51% |
| • Indoor community transmission | 8% |
| • Outdoor community transmission | 2% |
| • Workplace transmission | 9% |

Poll results suggest that the pandemic measures put in place including public health measures, COVID-19 infection prevention and control guidelines and COVID-19 vaccination are effective.

New study on Sources of SARS-CoV-2 in Dental Aerosols

A new study published in the Journal of Dental Research suggests that saliva is not the culprit in transmitting COVID-19 via dental aerosols. Read [more](#).



Addressing COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in Clinical Practice

Listen to this week's [webinar](#) from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) that discusses health care providers' understanding of, and ability to address COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in their practice.

Public Health Agency of Canada working closely with other health organizations to coordinate responses to COVID-19

Consult the latest [info bulletin](#) from PHAC which includes information that will help you answer questions around COVID-19 vaccines with your clients.

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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.*

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