



COVID-19 Update for CDHA members

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Dear member,

We remind all members to please first consult our web site for the latest available information. Answers to many of the questions coming in to us by email, phone and social media can be found there as new updates are posted when known/available.

COVID-19 Insurance Coverage Position Statement

Please find a link below to a position statement from CDHA's insurance broker, BMS. It provides an overview of the available coverage based on their review of the policy terms and conditions. Tomorrow afternoon (after 3 pm. EST) CDHA will be releasing a video featuring Brian Gomes, President and CEO, BMS Canada who will review this position statement.

[BMS COVID-19 Insurance Coverage Position Statement](#)

Waiver, Acknowledgment and Release Form to support CDHA members

CDHA strongly recommends that all dental hygienists stop providing dental hygiene services during the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, we understand that some dental hygienists are being pressured to continue to work and are concerned about losing their employment if they refuse to provide such services.

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The link below to the Waiver, Acknowledgment and Release has been created to support conversations with employers. Dental hygienists must continue to follow all provincial regulatory requirements and practice standards for the profession. The waiver does not, in any way, release a dental hygienist from obligatory professional responsibilities.

This waiver is provided as a template document. The CDHA does not guarantee that the Court will uphold its validity. If a dental hygienist chooses to rely upon it, they are doing so at their own risk. The CDHA cannot and will not be held responsible for any claims, loss or expense resulting from reliance on this waiver. Should the dental hygienist wish to use this waiver, the dental hygienist acknowledges that they can review it with their own independent legal counsel prior to doing using it.

[Waiver, Acknowledgement and Release](#)

Tomorrow's update will include employment issues FAQs. We are continuing to investigate the effects maternity leave will have on Employment Insurance benefits.

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Please be well and take care of yourselves in this difficult time.