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TO: Dental Providers in San Diego County

FROM: Nick Yphantides, M.D., M.P.H.
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RE: REQUEST FOR CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF ELECTIVE DENTAL SERVICES

I am sending this communication on behalf of the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Public Health Services (PHS) department (local health department). The novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) global outbreak is rapidly changing day-to-day. As of April 30, [3,564 cases](#) have been identified in San Diego County.

Since aerosol spread is one way that COVID-19 may be transmitted, in response to recommendations from the [California Department of Public Health](#), **I am recommending that the suspension of all non-essential dental care recommendation published on March 19 remains in effect until further notice.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, continued support, and vigilance during this pandemic. It is through all of our collective efforts that the impact of this pandemic on our region can be minimized. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Thomas Olinger, our Chief Dental Officer, at Thomas.Olinger@sdcounty.ca.gov or 619-857-8438.

Respectfully,

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cc: Helen Robbins-Meyer, County of San Diego, Chief Administrative Officer
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