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## **FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS**

Dear Colleague,

The second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic is now upon us.

The picture is quite clear and the health facilities in our state are rapidly getting filling. The onslaught is severe with rapid pace of spread and greater mortalities.

Although the government has reintroduced stricter guidelines the spread of disease continues and is bound to increase for some time.

It is upto each of us to ensure that we and our families are safe. The practice related protocols that were advised and followed earlier need to be adhered to with greater vigil than ever before.

To remind you once again, please do

- **Make the completed Covid forms mandatory for each patient.**
- **Check every patient for elevated temperatures or other symptoms.**
- **Request patients to report with recent Covid negative certificates whenever applicable or if you suspect the patient have had recent contact with Covid positive patients or have had symptoms suggestive of Covid recently.**
- **Reduce patient intake and follow strictly appointment system, avoid patient crowding.**
- **Get all patients to wash their hands and face with soap & water or use sanitizers before seating them in the dental unit.**
- **Use a pre-procedural mouth rinse before examination of the oral cavity.**



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- **Do not compromise on the use of PPE/gowns/coveralls/N95 masks and gloves.**
- **Monitor periodic disinfection of the patient waiting area, the dental chair and the operatory.**
- **Strictly follow sterilisation protocols.**
- **Ensure proper ventilation.**
- **Educate and motivate every patient who falls in the higher risk/eligible category to get themselves vaccinated.**
- **Get yourself also vaccinated if you haven't done already. Ensure both doses are taken at the stipulated intervals.**
- **Ensure all clinical staff as well as the receptionist are also provided adequate personal protection equipment as deemed necessary.**
- **Keep updated with the latest developments/ modifications proposed by competent state/national authorities associated with Covid safety measures.**
- **Keep in touch with your branch/State Covid response team for timely assistance in case of emergencies.**

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