



TO: Providers of Dental and Oral Health Services

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SUBJECT: Providing Dental Care During COVID-19

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Central District Health Department continues to report very high levels of COVID-19 spread within the district. In order to protect staff and preserve personal protective equipment and patient care supplies, as well as expand available hospital capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic, Central District Health Department recommends that **dental facilities** in Hall, Hamilton and Merrick Counties **continue to postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, and prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures for the coming several weeks, through May 15, 2020.** The decision to reopen a dental office or remain closed, absent an overriding Directed Health Mandate, is a decision to be made by each individual dental practice.

We recognize that the state Directed Health Measure is subject to change and may offer less restrictive guidance. However, due to the continued wide-spread COVID-19 in the Central District, we ask your voluntary adherence to CDHD guidance. We will advise changes in these recommendations based on COVID-19 numbers over time.

