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As we approach the one year mark of the COVID-19 pandemic, The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) and the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) reiterate the need to remain vigilant in following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for the health and safety of all. To support this effort, the ADHA and ADAA offer the following collaborative statement.

*The health and safety of the dental team, the patients we serve, our families and communities remain our top priority. The American Dental Hygienists' Association and the American Dental Assistants Association support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic. Together we encourage all members of the dental team, including dental assistants and dental hygienists, to follow the CDC recommendations including proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and infection control protocols.*

“We were pleased to collaborate with the ADAA on this statement that encourages all members of the dental team to follow CDC recommendations,” said ADHA President Lisa Moravec, RDH, MSDH. “The health and safety of all oral health professionals and the patients they serve is of the utmost importance to ADHA and the dental hygiene community.”

ADAA President Betty Fox, AS, CDA, RDA, FADAA was in agreement, and said, “The safety of the public and the dental team is the highest priority for ADAA and we look forward to working towards these goals in unison with the ADHA. “

To learn more about how ADHA is providing guidance, resources and support to the dental hygiene community during the pandemic, please [visit here](#). You can see ADAA's recommendations on how to manage the pandemic [here](#).

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