Dear Dentist,

**Update on Novel Coronavirus Infection**


We would like to strongly recommend the dental profession to strictly adhere to the infection control principles and measures relevant to the dental practice as promulgated by the CHP. Proper wearing of surgical facemasks, personal protective equipment, and hand hygiene should be strictly observed. Moreover, the following measures are highly recommended:

1. Pre-treatment mouth rinse with chlorhexidine;
2. Use of high volume suction; and
3. Rubber dam isolation for all aerosol generating procedures.

In addition to standard precautions, administrative control is important to identify possible infectious cases and prevent the transmission of the disease in the dental setting. Temperature should be taken, questions about relevant symptoms, traveling and contact history should be asked for attending patients and clients. **Patients with fever or any relevant symptoms MUST wear face masks and be recommended to attend medical care immediately. No aerosol generating procedures should be provided to them.**

In situation when there is evidence or imminent risk of sustained community level outbreaks, the following additional measures are highly recommended:

1. Postpone all non-urgent treatment;
2. Suspend all aerosol generating procedures unless rubber dam isolation can be applied.

*We build a healthy Hong Kong and aspire to be an internationally renowned public health authority*
When there is evidence of pandemic of the Novel Coronavirus Infection, private dental settings should consider the risk of widespread transmission and limit their service to minimal level.

Thank you very much for your continuous support and collaborative effort to help in the prevention and control of infectious diseases.

Yours sincerely,

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