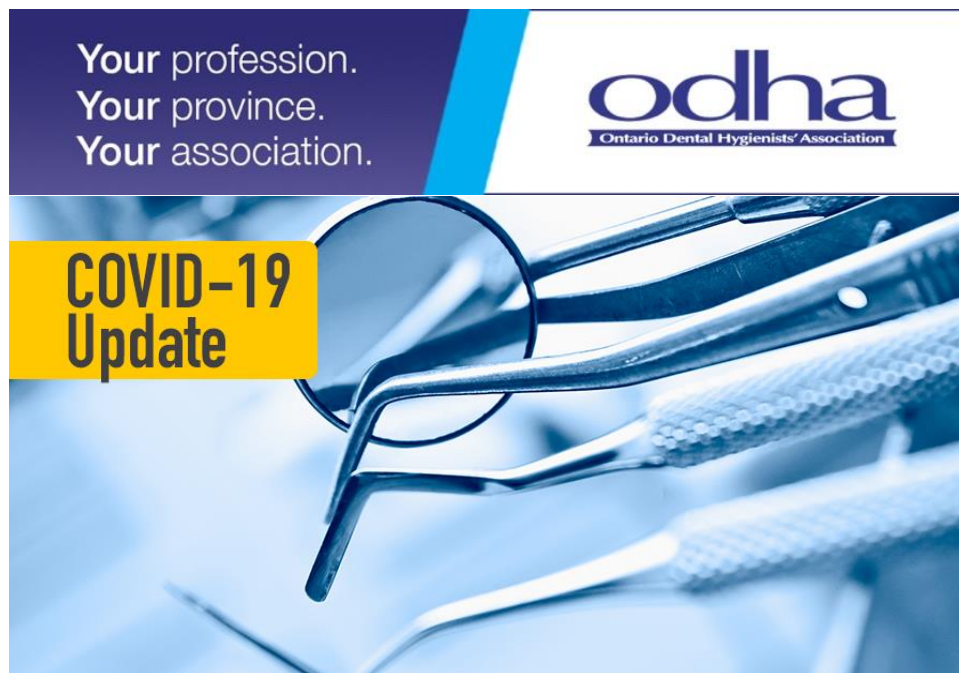


July 8, 2020 Update

SUBJECT: July 8, 2020 COVID-19 update – Chief Medical Officer of Health memo



Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, released a memorandum to the provincial regulatory colleges regarding Aerosol Generating Dental Procedures (AGDPs).

In the document, Dr. Williams stated there is insufficient evidence to definitively assess the risk of conducting AGDPs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recognizing oral health care settings have unique circumstances warranting specific infection prevention and control considerations, Dr. Williams has suggested the regulatory colleges consider the Ministry of Health's precautionary principle when developing infection prevention and control and occupational health and safety guidance for registrants.

ODHA members are encouraged to contact the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO) if there are specific questions regarding infection prevention and control and return to work guidance. It is not ODHA's practice to speak to or interpret return to practice guidance or regulatory guidelines mandated by the CDHO.

ODHA continues to encourage the regulatory colleges to meet and work towards aligning their guidelines in the interest of the safety of staff and clients/patients.

To increase accessibility, COVID-19 email communications will be posted on the [COVID-19 update page](#) on the ODHA website.