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To

The Principal/ Deans of all the Dental Colleges in India

Sub: Precautionary and preventive measures to prevent spreading of Novel Coronavirus (COVID- 19) - Regarding

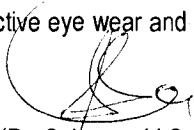
Sir / Madam,

The Dental Council of India, in addition to the advisory issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India/ State Government/UGC (copy attached), in order to combat the threat of Coronavirus (COVID-19), has also decided to issue this advisory to all the Dental Colleges of the Country to take the following necessary precautions and preventive measures.

1. All the faculty and students of the dental colleges shall avoid their Biometric Attendance till 31.3.2020 and mark their attendance in the attendance register only.
2. The classes of first year to fourth year BDS Course at all the Dental Colleges of the Country shall remain suspended till 31.3.2020 and this period of vacation shall be compensated either from the summer vacation or from any other vacation as the concerned affiliated university may decide in this regard.
3. In wake of COVID-19 outbreak going on in the country, the Dental Colleges shall not hold any seminars, workshops, conferences, camps etc.
4. All the Dental Colleges shall strictly comply with all the advisory issued by Central Government/State Government and UGC from time to time including universal precautions for infection control.
5. Clinical procedures involving aerosol generation (Air rotor/Ultrasonic Scalers) to be avoided/minimized for the time being and only emergency procedures to be performed.
6. A copy of interim guidance dated 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 issued by WHO on Infection prevention and control during health care when novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection is suspected, is attached herewith for ready reference and for strict compliance.


**Recommendations for safe clinical practice in dental clinics/hospitals in view of the Covid-19 outbreak, are as under:-**

- a) All dentists and support staff should wash their hand thoroughly with soap and water and follow up with alcohol based hand sanitizers before and after every patient. Surgical scrubbing of hands is recommended. Disposal gloves to be used routinely as usual.
- b) Staff and doctors should avoid touching their face specially the ear, nose and mouth.
- c) Every patient who enters and exits the clinic should be provided hand sanitizers.
- d) The waiting room/clinic including the handles and doors as well as dental chairs and other surfaces should be wiped several times in a day with alcohol based disinfectant.
- e) Thorough Medical & Travel history of each Patient should be recorded before any clinical procedures.
- f) Patients should be scrubbed with Iso Propyl alcohol extra orally.
- g) Pre-procedural rinse with Povidone Iodine is recommended.
- h) Wearing of N95 or atleast 3 ply masks and suitable head caps, productive eye wear and face shield is recommended.
- i) Fumigation of clinics periodically is advised.

  
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