

## Communication via email between the Ohio Dental Association, Gov. DeWine's staff and the Ohio Dental Board

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**Subject:** ADA Interim Guidance for Management of Emergency and Urgent Dental Care

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It has come to our attention that the State of Ohio may be considering "ordering" all oral and maxillofacial surgeons to donate their N95 and other surgical masks. As you may know, the ODA, local dental societies and dentists have been arranging drives to donate all excess PPE to local hospitals and emergency management agencies. However, some oral surgeons who treat the most serious dental emergencies will need their masks to treat people and keep them out of the hospital ERs. Some dental conditions including abscesses can lead to pain and infection and if not treated can become life threatening. Please see the attached guidance from the ADA based on CDC guidelines demonstrating the need for N95 masks to treat certain extreme dental cases that create aerosols.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Hang in there.

-Dave

[https://www.ada.org/~media/CPS/Files/COVID/ADA\\_Int\\_Guidance\\_Mgmt\\_Emerg-Urg\\_Dental\\_COVID19.pdf?utm\\_source=adaorg&utm\\_medium=covid-statement&utm\\_content=cv-pm-ebd-interim-response&utm\\_campaign=covid-19](https://www.ada.org/~media/CPS/Files/COVID/ADA_Int_Guidance_Mgmt_Emerg-Urg_Dental_COVID19.pdf?utm_source=adaorg&utm_medium=covid-statement&utm_content=cv-pm-ebd-interim-response&utm_campaign=covid-19)