



May 5, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders McConnell, McCarthy and Schumer:

On behalf of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), the professional organization that represents more than 9,000 oral and maxillofacial surgeons (OMSs) in the United States, I appreciate your continued work to provide relief to those adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Congress considers future COVID-19 measures, AAOMS asks that you consider the following recommendations to support OMSs, our staff and patients:

- Support increased production of personal protective equipment (PPE) to ensure all healthcare providers – including OMSs – have access to necessary protective equipment, such as N95 masks, when delivering patient care during the pandemic. OMSs often perform aerosol-generating procedures, and PPE is essential in these instances<sup>1</sup>.
- Help financially stressed OMS offices offset the cost of providing enhanced infection control safeguards. Specifically, we support a tax credit, as well as flexibility to use non-payroll Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds, to help cover the costs of PPE and additional infection control protections.
- Provide additional federal investment in research to advance rapid point-of-service tests, and ensure tests are widely available to all healthcare providers.
- Extend immunity protection to all healthcare providers delivering care during the extraordinary conditions created by the pandemic.
- Expand student loan relief beyond what was provided in the CARES Act.

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<sup>1</sup> [CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response](#), April 2020

- Allow 501(c)(6) organizations to apply for PPP loans so that non-profit professional associations, such as AAOMS, can continue to provide quality educational resources to their members.

On behalf of AAOMS, thank you for your consideration and leadership during this difficult time. For questions or additional information, please contact Jeanne Tuerk, manager of government affairs at 800-822-6637, ext. 4321 or [jtuerk@aaoms.org](mailto:jtuerk@aaoms.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor L. Nannini DDS FACS". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Victor L. Nannini, DDS, FACS  
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