

The North Carolina Association of Orthodontists
Statement on
COVID-19

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The North Carolina Association of Orthodontists is sensitive to the impact that COVID-19 is having on our communities. We are first and foremost concerned with the health and welfare of our patients and team members.

In accordance with the American Dental Association and the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners, we are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDING** that orthodontic professionals postpone elective procedures until the end of March 2020 and provide palliative care. We feel that this is the best decision for all of us as we navigate uncharted waters. We want to do our part to be responsible global citizens and reduce the spread of this disease.

The NCAO is committed to the needs of our members and the community that we support. We encourage you to continue to practice the strictest OSHA and infection control policies and implement any additional infection control measures that you deem appropriate for your practice.

Below are some links to various sources that provide advice and guidance to healthcare professionals and the general public that should prove beneficial as you seek to provide the best protection for your patients and orthodontic team.

Sincerely,

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CDC Developing Guidelines for Dentists: <https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/statement->

COVID.html Guidance for Providers: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-northcarolina/health-care>

Latest Covid-19 update: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-northcarolina>

Basic Information on the virus: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-northcarolina/what-covid-19>