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**Message from the Dental Council of Trinidad and Tobago**

The DCTT has advised the dental fraternity of the directive from the Ministry of Health stating that provision of URGENT dental care falls under the purview of essential health services.

It has been brought to our attention that some dentists have been performing elective dental services and, in some instances, not utilizing the necessary PPE for themselves and their staff or following stringent infection controls in their practice. We wish to emphasize that based on newer findings on the virulence of Covid-19, it is imperative that routine dental treatment NOT be provided at this time. All aerosol generating procedures should be avoided unless absolutely necessary and, in such instances, rubber dam isolation MUST be implemented. If not possible, then alternative treatment routes should be explored such as prescription medication or even extraction. These vital precautions are recommended in order to safeguard the lives of your staff, your patients, yourself and your families.

We understand that these are difficult times, but we as the dental community must strive to place more importance on the health and well-being of the people of Trinidad and Tobago above our own personal gains.

The DCTT therefore appeals to our members to stand together in our fight to flatten the curve and do our part in limiting the spread of this ravaging disease. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

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