

The Honorable Jim Justice

April 26, 2020

Governor, State of West Virginia

1900 Kanawa Blvd., East

Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Governor Justice,

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the West Virginia Dental COVID-19 Task Force consisting of members from the WV Dental Board, WV Dental Association, WV Dental Hygiene Association, American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, and WVU School of Dentistry was created to develop a series of recommendations to help ensure the safety of patients, dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and staff. Using recommendations from the CDC, OSHA, and American Dental Association the task force met and finalized these guidelines on April 26, 2020.

The Task Force respectfully requests your consideration in allowing dental offices to re-open as of May 11, 2020 under these guidelines. The guidelines initiated involve pre-appointment screening, employee screening, in-office patient registration procedures, reception and preparation strategies, chairside checklist, staff protection strategies, and PPE requirements. For your convenience, a letter which will be sent to all dental offices in the state is included.

Thank you for your consideration during these difficult times. We appreciate all your hard work, diligence and leadership in steering our state through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

S. Vincent Veltri DDS

President WV Dental Board