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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-006

**TO** : All Members  
**FROM** : OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**DATE** : July 22, 2021  
**SUBJECT** : COVID 19 DELTA Variant Advisory

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Greetings!

The Philippine Dental Association (PDA) is issuing this advisory based on the latest information regarding the emergence of the Delta variant. The confirmation of the World Health Organization and the Department of Health of the more contagious Delta variant serves as a warning that the COVID-19 virus continues to circulate in our communities and that individuals should continue to use precautionary measures to protect themselves against the transmission of COVID-19.

The increase in this highly transmissible variant underscores the importance of preventative measures such as testing, isolating, masking, and social distancing to slow the spread of the virus. We have to be vigilant and continue to practice these measures. While these practices continue to be necessary, vaccination is the most effective and long-lasting tool for our protection.

As dental practitioners, our professional obligation is to make sure that we, our patients, and staff are safe and protected from infection. We have to be very careful when it comes to our practice. We have done our very best in the past year to adhere to the PDA COVID- 19 Interim Guidelines strictly. Even a tiny slip in following protocols and taking necessary precautions may expose our patients and us to infection. Please continue to be informed on the latest and the most recent clinical studies regarding COVID-19 risks and preventions.

The road to recovery from this pandemic will be long and challenging but prepared as we are today, we have to be more prepared for what is likely to come next, and equip ourselves to overcome the challenges that will come in the future. Together, we remain vigilant, and together we fight this pandemic and move fast forward

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.

  
**DR. JOSE ANGELO G. MILITANTE**  
President

