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TO : All Members
FROM : OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
DATE : August 6, 2021
SUBJECT : **PDA – ECQ Advisory**

Greetings!

With the announcement of the Enhanced Community Quarantine starting on August 6, 2021 (Resolution No. 130-A, Series of 2021., July 29, 2021), the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) would like to remind our dental professionals and their staff of the guidelines:

SECTION [2] GUIDELINES FOR AREAS PLACED UNDER ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.

Areas placed under ECQ shall observe the following protocols:

Only the following establishments, persons, or activities are allowed to operate, work, or be undertaken for the duration of the ECQ:

With an on-site skeleton workforce:

1. Dental, rehabilitation, optometry, and other medical clinics for the treatment of illness or injuries. Provided that there is strict observance of infection prevention and control protocols. Provided, further, that dental procedures shall be limited to emergency cases only and that the wearing of full Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) by dentists and attendants shall be mandatory. *Provided, finally*, that home service therapy for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) shall be allowed.

((Source: Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine with Amendments as of May 20, 2021, Republic Of The Philippines, Inter-Agency Task Force For The Management Of Emerging Infectious Diseases)

The provision of care of a registered dental professional should always be aimed to an optimum outcome. We must use our professional judgement when assessing the risk and or when determining whether the patient's concern is deemed urgent or needs emergency care.

As dental professionals we have a professional obligation to keep our patients, staff and ourselves safe. Adhering to strict infection control and guided by the PDA COVID 19 Interim Guidelines will help in the reduction of the risks.

As always, the PDA will continue to monitor the evolving situation and with consultation to the health authorities, we will continue to provide updates as required.

We continue to be vigilant in fighting this pandemic. Stay safe and stay healthy.


DR. JOSE ANGELO G. MILITANTE
President

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