

## Frequently Asked Questions for Dentists of Newfoundland and Labrador

1. Are we allowed to use ear loop kn95 (unfitted) with goggles/face shields OR the level 3 masks instead for aerosol-producing dentistry?

Yes

2. If I am doing recall checks, just mirror and explorer, do I need to change my gown between each patient?

No, if the patient screened COVID negative.

3. If using air and water it is aerosol; however, if I use only water or only air would, such be considered aerosol?

If using only air or only water gently then no. Make sure there are no leaks from one line into the other, especially water into airline.

4. What are the current guidelines on pre-procedural rinses?

To our knowledge, guidelines are only evidence-informed that oral pathogens can possibly be reduced with a dilute preparation of hydrogen peroxide

5. Can we wear a long sleeve shirt and scrub top as an alternative for a gown/lab coat?

Isolation gown allow it to be removed easily and safely after a patient that has had an AGP. So the scrub top over a long sleeve shirt would be cumbersome to remove after the procedure. It would likely be fine for NON AGP.

It's probably Ok as basically it is to cover exposed skin. If soiled replace.

6. Can dental clinics continue to give prizes; such as toys, to children? Can dental clinics give toothbrushes at the end of a patients visit?

No.

7. Is peroxide rinse still recommended? The ADA and CDC now say there is no benefit.

This recommendation remains.

These are judgement issues based on evidence informed opinions that change.