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Good Morning,

During this time it is important that we, as the association, do our part for public protection with you all. Starting tomorrow, Thursday, March 19th, we will be working from home. Business will continue as usual and we will keep updating you all during this time and be answering all emails. The office phone will not be answered; however, you can reach us individual when needed.

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In the interest of going forward, we will continue to work with the NLDB to find the best solution for you and the public.

While dental clinics are directed to close for regular dental services you are required to take emergencies for your patients. There are some people within our province that do not have a dentist. We are looking for members who are willing to help those individuals if they are to call us looking for an appointment. If you are willing to have your clinic added to our list, please let me know.

Regarding insurance coverage for dental clinics, we have been receiving several questions regarding CDSPI Triple Guard insurance and we are working on this. We have been in contact with CDSPI and are waiting for a firm answer whether or not they will currently provide coverage with the Directive in place from the NLDB. The office also has a call this afternoon with the Chief Medical Officer and we will ask that they support the Directive and if completed this should encourage CDSPI to provide the correct coverage.

Another question we have received is labour laws regulations for layoffs. We have reached out to a lawyer, William Kennedy, and he has stated that, "I suggest that your individual dentist look at their employment contracts with their employees to determine whether or not this layoff situation is covered therein." He is continuing to look into this further for those who either have no written contract or the above is not clearly stated within their contracts. We will have an official letter from Mr. Kennedy by end of day today and will forward to you all as soon as we have that.

We will continue to keep you all updated with what is ongoing regarding COVID-19. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you,

Amanda Squires

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If you have any questions you can contact myself, the Manager of Communications and Members Relations with the NLDA, via email Amanda.nlda@nfld.net or phone: 709-685-4420.