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Good Morning,

As you know, we are continuing to monitor all ongoing things in regards to COVID-19. Here are our current updates:

- We have heard from Dr. Trang Nguyen and she noted:
 - “The Janeway Dental Clinic will be covering urgent and emergent appointments for patients of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre, Health Sciences and Janeway Children’s Health and Rehabilitation Centre. Routine care of head and neck radiation patients will also continue to not interrupt ongoing treatment to primary head and neck malignancies. We will consider urgent/emergency community case referrals only if these emergencies require a hospital-based setting for treatment and they have been assessed by a community dentist. All other non-essential and elective dental services are suspended. We are not accepting all community-based emergency and urgent referrals as public health has mandated the hospital to minimize spread of virus in large groups of people, preserve precious personnel protective equipment, limit healthcare workers to potential exposure, limit of flow in/out of the hospital and not overwhelm hospital resources. However, we understand our responsibility will be to see cases of severe trauma, infection and bleeding where sedation may be required, patients that require a hospital based setting due to medical reasons, and/or patients with **acute** respiratory illness **and** has returned from outside of the country in the past 14 days, and/or had close contact with confirmed or probable COVID-19 case, and/or close contact of person with acute respiratory illness who is returning from an impacted area. Community request will be assessed by Janeway Division Head (Trang Nguyen) and Division Manager (Kelly Barron). You can contact Trang Nguyen at 6473300825 or trang.nguyen@easternhealth.ca as Janeway staff is on minimal to adhere to social distancing”

- Yesterday we asked which members would be willing to take emergencies for non-patients for us to create a list for our webpage and for any calls we may receive. If you’re interested in joining this list, please let me know your clinic and the best number for these individuals to contact you.

- Attached above is the letter that we have received from the lawyer, William Kennedy, and this should help answer many of your questions! If there is anything further questions that you have

about this, please let us know.

- CBC Canada has released an article outlining the financial plans for Canadians who are out of work due to COVID-19 and https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/apply-emergency-benefits-1.5501977?_vfz=medium%3Dsharebar&fbclid=IwAR2SfSkha9tGo5CwpYRUk_M9PKjmiYZdfzmU6l6V4F0dTkx-w4_MeLrO2rA stated that individuals can apply for in April, through the [CRA](#) website.
- There are still many specifics needed for the Federal Governments plans to help Canadians financially during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are continuing to monitor this closely and will update you as soon as we know more information on their plans.
- During this time, we know there are many uncertainties and we hope to help ease your stresses with our regular updates and with the help of MAP. As part of their pandemic response plan and respecting the need to protect the health of you, they are offering telephonic, video and digital means, for counselling, training and other services. They are well prepared for this change as they have been delivering services by telephone, video and digitally, alongside face-to-face service, for several years. Where this is not practical or feasible, they will deliver service practicing social distancing and other risk management practices.
 - Please visit <https://www.workhealthlife.com/> to take advantage of the thousands of articles and other services that they provide.
- Yesterday evening Dr. John Haggie declared a Public Health Emergency. This declaration ordered that gyms, fitness facilities, cinemas, performance spaces, arenas and bars must close their doors. We will continue watching as this unfolds and update you with all relevant information.
- The choice made by the NLDB to direct Dental Clinics to close for a 14-day period was a tough call and while you know that we are in full support of this decision, it is great to see similar measures being taken across Canada. Here is an article from a Manitoba dentists that expresses the importance of dentists helping to flatten the curve of the COVID-19: <https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/how-dentists-are-trying-to-flatten-the-curve-of-the-covid-19-virus-1.4857763>.
- As of today, the NLDA office will be working from home to ensure we are doing our part. If you would like to reach us you can contact us via email or phone:
 - Anthony Patey: 709-765-2062
 - Amanda Squires: 709-685-4420

We will continue to update you all regularly.

Kind Regards,

Amanda Squires on behalf of Dr. Paul Hurley, President of the NLDA

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.