

NEVADA STATE BOARD  
of  
DENTAL EXAMINERS



BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

6:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT BOOK**

**Public Comment:**

**Jason Doucette, DMD**



September 12, 2022

Nevada Board of Dental Examiners  
Attention: NSBDE Board Members  
2651 N Green Valley Pkwy Ste 104  
Henderson, NV 89014

Sent via Email & Fax

Re: Public Comment for September 13, 2022 Board meeting, NSBE Agenda, Item 6.f.

Dear NSDE Board Members,

On behalf of the dentists of Nevada, we request the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners end the acceptance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) interim infection prevention and control recommendations.

Additional procedures were put into place to respond to the challenges and unknown circumstances that were brought forth by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thusly the interim infection prevention and control recommendations were developed by the CDC. They were for the interim and they were merely a recommendation. These interim dental settings guidelines were adopted by the NSBDE on December 4, 2020. Now the COVID-19 challenges and unknown circumstances are no longer present.

There is No benefit to have these interim recommended guidelines in place any longer. These interim recommendations are merely:

- Add undue costs to dental offices for additional supplies and time worked by Doctors and staff correlated directly to the interim recommendations;
- Add time spent by offices having to discussing and explaining these interim recommendations to patients;
- Patients arguing with the purpose of still having these interim recommendations in place;
- Patients leaving practices because of these interim guidelines.

Governor Sisolak formally ended Nevada's declaration of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic on Friday, May 20, 2022.

Dental settings have been implementing extremely high standards of infection control for over 40 years. We have proven to be one of the safest if not the safest facilities in healthcare. It is time for dental offices to also return to our regular high standards of care and begin recovery of the dental office.

We request the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners end the acceptance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) interim infection prevention and control recommendations effective immediately.

Most sincerely,

Jason Doucette, DMD | President, Nevada Dental Association