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Dear Colleague,

IDHA actively participated in a report to inform the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) of the PPE needs for hygienists and dental offices. The message below is a response from the ISDH.

Dear Healthcare Partner,

With the Governor’s recent reopening plan to get Indiana Back on Track, many healthcare providers and facilities that were previously closed are returning to work. The state has been working diligently with our federal partners to obtain a large distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE). I’m pleased to announce that over the past two days we have begun distributing PPE, including N95s, surgical masks, and face shields, to each local health department to make these critical supplies available to additional healthcare and medical professionals who are not associated with a hospital or who otherwise do not have access to these supplies (such as dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, primary care physicians, other specialists, home health, dialysis, health clinics, etc.), emergency medical providers, and other public safety personnel in their county or city.

Please share this information with your association members and non-members if you are able. If they are in need of these supplies, they should contact their county or city health department to submit a request for supplies and coordinate pick-up. You can find contact information for each local health department on our website, here: [https://www.in.gov/isdh/24822.htm](https://www.in.gov/isdh/24822.htm). PLEASE NOTE: if they are located in Fishers, they should reach out to the Hamilton County Health Department.

Respectfully,

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