

Information on Ohio's stay at home order

Dental offices providing emergency care are not subject to stay at home order

On Sunday, Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton issued a “Stay at Home” Order. The Order states that “all individuals currently living within the State of Ohio are ordered to stay home or at their place of residence except as allowed in this Order.” Essential Businesses are exempted from the “Stay at Home Order” and dental offices are included in the definition of Essential Businesses. The “Stay at Home” Order is subject to the terms of certain other orders, including the Order issued on March 17, 2020, requiring delay of all non-essential surgeries and procedures throughout Ohio.

Bottom Line: The “Stay at Home” Order coupled with the Order requiring the delay of all non-essential health care procedures essentially means that Ohio dentists and their staff may still go to the office for the purpose of providing emergency services for their patients, and that patients may leave their homes or residences in order to receive emergency dental procedures and surgeries.

The “Stay at Home” Order went into effect on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 11:59 pm and will remain in effect until April 6, 2020.

You can find the “Stay at Home Order” [here](#) and the ODA’s letter urging the state to include dental offices in the definition of Essential Businesses [here](#).

Dentists may qualify for child care

If you're in need of child care while treating emergency patients, you may qualify for enrollment in a pandemic child care center. For more details, [click here](#).