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Your details

First name

Hilary

Surname

Barker

City/town

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Email

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Q2

oral health therapist

Your submission is in the capacity as

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Please add your Dental Council Person ID registration number

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Q5

No

Do you support the proposed Supplementary risk management principles for oral health during the COVID-19 pandemic? If you do not support the draft, please share your concerns, reasons for your view, and proposed alternatives if you have any.

Q6

Please share any comments you have below:

- Risk assessment is not a guaranteed way to avoid a Covid positive patient being treated in clinic therefore n95 masks should continue to be used.
 - As the pandemic is forever evolving our guidelines need to continue to evolve with it
 - As new variants occur & the effectiveness of the vaccine is unknown we should be protecting ourselves at all times with an n95
 - unvaccinated patients (or all children under 12 especially) are at risk of contracting Covid 19 from our clinic if coming into our clinic after a 'low risk' patient has been treated and no stand down time has been required. As mentioned above during times of high community spread 'low risk' immunised pts can still have the virus without symptoms.
 - During times of high community spread especially, vaccinated pts can have Covid 19 without symptoms which means they would be in the 'low risk' category when they are in fact not low risk. Wearing a surgical mask puts us at risk. The cost of wearing n95 masks while Covid is highly active in the community is worth it especially if masks can be worn for four hours. The risk of wearing surgical masks during a pandemic performing aerosol treatment is too high.
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