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oral health therapist

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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:

- 1- During times of widespread community cases of Covid 19 it will be inevitable that we will treat vaccinated patients who will most likely be symptom free and therefore deemed 'low risk' & will have Covid 19. Surgical masks for this reason alone are not sufficient & therefore should be replaced with n95 masks when there is high community spread.
 - 2- This is a forever evolving pandemic which will need guidelines to evolve with it. As we move through the stages of the new traffic light system our guidelines should move with it. If we are in red for example & have widespread community spread we can not guarantee with screening & vaccine status alone that patients are deemed 'low risk'.
 3. With no stand down time after a 'low risk' patient during times of high community spread we are putting our unvaccinated patients at risk, as mentioned above inevitably when COVID 19 is widespread we will most likely have vaccinated patients in clinic with Covid 19. As a mother of children who can not be vaccinated yet this concerns me for our vulnerable population who are unable to make the choice to be vaccinated or those that can't.
 4. If n95 masks can be worn for four hours then that would reduce waste of single use surgical masks.
 5. With new evolving Covid 19 mutations which could potentially spread easier to vaccinated people we should continue to protect ourselves with n95 masks when performing aerosol procedures.
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