

**Addendum to the Dental Council's Code of Practice regarding Infection Prevention and Control**

**Statement regarding change to the Code**

The Dental Council's Code of Practice regarding Infection Prevention and Control is predicated on the assumption that all patients are either a transmission risk or at risk of being infected during treatment. Aerosol-generating procedures should only be undertaken with an appropriate level of personal protection equipment (PPE), which includes a respirator mask to a minimum standard of FFP2. In making this change, the Dental Council is cognisant of the advice of the Health Protection Surveillance Centre and the assumption underpinning the Council's code. The Council believes that this approach, which errs on the side of caution, protects the health of patients, dental healthcare professionals and the community at large until the scientific evidence on the appropriate precautions becomes clearer. This measure is in addition to the environmental and organisational precautions necessary to protect against cross-infection within the dental practice.

**Insertion to Section 2.3.1.4 of the Code of Practice regarding Infection Prevention and Control**

**Interim Measure During COVID-19 Pandemic**

Aerosol-generating procedures should only be undertaken with an appropriate level of PPE, which includes a respirator mask to a minimum standard of FFP2.

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