

Policy Statement For The Reopening of Dental Offices

The Tennessee Board of Dentistry (“Board”) has received numerous inquiries about guidelines for the reopening of dental offices. While the Board remains committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee, the Board is limited in its authority by statute to the licensing and discipline of licensees in the dental profession and the promulgation of rules that further clarify the Board’s practice act.

Accordingly, the Board cannot legally establish guidelines for licensees to follow when returning to practice; however, in order to limit the spread of COVID-19 the Board strongly recommends licensees review the information provided by the American Dental Association and the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) COVID-19 web pages for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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