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NHS Dental Teams

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Dear colleague,

UPDATED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) APRIL 22

Further to my letter dated 1 April 2022 regarding the De-Escalation of Covid-18 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures, the updated SOP for sections 1 to 3 only can now be found at: [CDO\(2022\)2 – CDO Letter – Updated Standard Operating Procedures \(SOP\) | Scottish Dental](#) or attached.

These sections reflect the main and important changes made to the current guidance by ARHAI (Anti-microbial Resistance and Health Care Infection) Scotland and approved by the COVID-19 Nosocomial Review Group (CNRG). The full guidance can be found at: <https://www.nipcm.hps.scot.nhs.uk/winter-2122-respiratory-infections-in-health-and-care-settings-infection-prevention-and-control-ipc-addendum/#table3>. A copy of DL(2022)07 issued by the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) can be found at: [https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/dl/DL\(2022\)07.pdf](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/dl/DL(2022)07.pdf)

It must be noted for clarity that;

- Where staff have concerns about the potential for COVID-19 exposure they may choose to wear an FFP3 respirator rather than an FRSM when performing an AGP on any patient on the [Non-Respiratory pathway](#) provided they are fit tested. This is a personal PPE risk assessment. FFP3 respirators must continue to be worn for an AGP for any patient on the [Respiratory pathway](#).

Any questions can be directed to NHSdentistry@gov.scot.

Yours sincerely,

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