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October 29, 2020 (ATLANTA) — The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) announces registration is now open for four free COVID-19 specific webinars, presented by Eve Cuny, MS, and Kathy Eklund, RDH, MHP, over the upcoming months! Each webinar will be worth 1 CE hour (ADA CERP Credit).

- Friday, November 6 at 4:00 PM ET: Respiratory Protection Program
- Friday, November 20 at 4:00 PM ET: PPE Optimization
- Friday, December 11 at 4:00 PM ET: COVID-19 Guidance for Dental Assistants
- Friday, January 8 at 4:00 PM ET: Airborne Precautions and Ventilation

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Respiratory Protection Program

The Respiratory Protection Program webinar will be held Friday, November 6 at 4:00 PM ET. Respirators provide respiratory protection when caring for patients suspected or confirmed with an infection spread in an airborne manner. This session will describe different types of respirators and requirements for the development and implementation of a Respiratory Protection Program (RPP). The discussion will include fit testing, medical clearance, training, and user fit check. You can register [here](#).

PPE Optimization

PPE Optimization webinar will be held Friday, November 20 at 4:00 PM ET. During the COVID-19 pandemic, dental healthcare settings have faced shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies. The CDC has provided guidance on how to navigate these situations and utilize available supplies effectively. This webinar will provide an overview of the status of the supply chain and CDC optimization strategies. Register here for this webinar.

COVID-19 Guidance for Dental Assistants

The COVID-19 Guidance for Dental Assistants webinar will be held Friday, December 11 at 4:00 PM ET. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed dental healthcare delivery. Dental assistants provide a critical role in the infection prevention program in dental clinical settings. This webinar will review the current interim infection prevention and control guidance from CDC, OSHA, and several professional organizations. Implications for the roles and responsibilities of the dental assistant will be discussed. Strategies and resources for implementing current guidance will be described. You can register here.

Airborne Precautions and Ventilation

Airborne Precautions and Ventilation webinar will be held Friday, January 8 at 4:00 PM ET. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased dental professional's awareness of the risk of dental aerosols if patients are infected with respiratory pathogens. This webinar will provide an overview of the measures clinical facilities should consider in order to mitigate the risk of transmission of diseases that may be carried in the aerosols created by dental devices such as handpieces and ultrasonic scalers. The presenters will discuss airflow, ventilation, and available strategies for improving or enhancing clinical air quality. Register for the webinar here.

OSAP Executive Director, Michelle Lee, says "It has never been more important to use proper infection control practices in dentistry than during the COVID-19 pandemic. These four webinars will go beyond the basics of infection control and will answer the most pressing safety concerns in dentistry today. Funded by the CDC and created by OSAP subject matter experts, participants can trust they are receiving the most current recommendations from experts in dental safety."

About OSAP

The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) is the only dental membership association solely focused on infection prevention and patient safety education. Our members include individual clinicians, group practices, educators, researchers, consultants, trainers, compliance directors, policymakers, and industry representatives who advocate for safe and

infection-free delivery of oral healthcare. OSAP focuses on strategies to improve compliance with safe practices and on building a strong network of recognized infection control experts. OSAP offers an extensive online collection of resources, publications, FAQs, checklists, and toolkits that help dental professionals deliver the Safest Dental Visit for their patients. Plus, online and live courses help advance the level of knowledge and skill for every member of the dental team. For additional information, visit osap.org.

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