**UPDATE - CALL TO ACTION**

**Mandatory Infection Control Education**

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As the professional organization representing the dental assisting profession, the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) has issued a Call to Action for mandatory infection control education for all dental assistants. The required education includes curriculum elements as recommended by ADAA.

***We need your help to bring awareness to this initiative. The participation of every dental assistant is imperative to the success of this effort and true change will only occur when everyone is involved.***

We want to keep these advocacy efforts in the forefront of what is happening.

Please continue to contact your[**federal and state legislators**](https://www.adaausa.org/Legislation/Contact-Your-Legislators); [**state boards of dentistry**](https://www.adaausa.org/Legislation/State-Information); [**state regulatory boards**](https://www.adaausa.org/Legislation/State-Information); [**national association of state governors**](https://www.nga.org/about/#contact-section); and [**the commissioner of your state department of health**](https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/healthdepartments.html)**.** We also need to rally the members of other dental professional groups. Please reach out to the national and state associations of the [**hygienists**](https://www.adha.org/), [**lab techs**](https://nadl.org/), and dental therapists; and the [**American Association of Dental Office Management**](https://www.dentalmanagers.com/) for their endorsement and support.

In legislative efforts, ***repetition is the key*** to successful and effective communication. Even if you have previously contacted any of these individuals or groups, please do so again.

**TAKE ACTION** **NOW!**

Let us know whom you have contacted by sending the names to [legislation@adaausa.org](mailto:legislation@adaausa.org?subject=Contacts%20for%20ADAA%20Call%20to%20Action%20on%20Mandatory%20Infection%20Control%20Education).

Please let us know if you have any questions.