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To all Dental Assistants:

The American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) is here to help all dental assistants in this time of crisis. Please be assured that we are doing all we can do to disseminate the information you will need to make it through and get back to work.

As an employee of a dental office or clinic, you will be covered under the unemployment guidelines that are contained in the legislation.

Please go to our website, www.adaausa.org, under "Education" and click on the "Coronavirus (COVID-19)" tab. There is information on the new federal guidelines on unemployment and how to protect yourself as a healthcare worker in the office.

The new bill will expand unemployment benefits and offer small business loans to dental offices so they can stay in business and pay benefits to employees. Please read the copy of the new bill which does not give any special payments to dentists or hygienists, but rather to all small businesses. If the employer retains the employees after this is over, the loan may be forgiven.

According to the Washington Post, the new bill significantly boosts unemployment insurance benefits, expanding eligibility and offering workers an additional \$600 a week for four months, on top of what state unemployment programs pay. Millions of Americans have filed for unemployment benefits in the past few weeks, flooding a system that isn't designed to cope with a sudden wave of applicants.

[Click here](#) for a very brief synopsis of the new bill's features prepared by the New York Times.

We all know that dentists cannot work without dental assistants but know that assistants cannot work if their dental office or clinic goes bankrupt. We are all in this together and need to help each other through this crisis. Dentists, assistants and hygienists must do what they can and stand together.

As this situation evolves and we learn more we will share that information with you as soon as we can.

Please get information from a reliable source and do not spread rumors that hurt everyone. We will get through this and be stronger for it!

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"The people who make dental assisting a profession!"