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## Notice to All Maryland Dentists

### Covid-19 Testing & Reporting

Amended Directive and Order Regarding Various Healthcare Matters  
July 1, 2020

Attached to this Notice is a link to the July 1, 2020 Amended Directive and Order Regarding Various Healthcare Matters issued by Maryland Health Secretary Robert R. Neall. The Order states in relevant part:

**“With testing now broadly available, Marylanders who believe they should be tested for COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider. Healthcare providers shall order a COVID-19 test for any individual who believes it necessary, regardless of symptoms. Specialty healthcare providers may refer a patient to a primary care provider, if a primary care provider is available.”**

Therefore, if you are contacted by a patient who wishes to be tested for COVID-19, you are directed by the Secretary of Health to order a test for the patient, regardless of whether the patient is symptomatic or asymptomatic. If the patient has a primary care provider, you may refer the patient to their primary care provider, or you may issue the COVID-19 testing order in your discretion.

You may order a test, but you may not perform the test unless you are an approved Clinical Laboratory Amendments (CLIA) lab.

Please advise your patient that they should contact their health plan prior to receiving a COVID-19 test to determine whether testing is covered by the plan in their circumstance. Out-of-pocket expenses may apply if the test is not covered by the plan.

Note that Maryland Medicaid will cover the costs of COVID-19 testing for its beneficiaries.

Thank you for your cooperation.

<https://www.mbp.state.md.us/forms/07012020ExecOrder.pdf>