

**WVU School of Dentistry
Tentative Reopening Plan
May 5th, 2020**

The School of Dentistry COVID-19 TF has prepared, and the SOD Leadership has approved, the following tentative reopening plan. We have initiated execution of Part 1 this week, following approval by HSC Leadership of our D4/Senior DH simulation lab activities. The full reopening plan will be submitted Wednesday to HSC Leadership for approval. At this time the plan is still tentative. However, we will continue to roll out the plan as described below in anticipation of approval.

The resumption of elective patient care is targeted for May 18th at both the HSC and STC. Preparations to ready these locations for elective patient care will be coordinated by the Office of Clinical Affairs and will be communicated separately.

The resumption of full simulation lab activities is targeted for May 14th, **pending relaxation of the Governor's restrictions on gatherings in one space**. Currently, the limit is 5 persons. We expect the restriction will be modified to 25 persons per space, assuming a continued decrease in COVID-19 positive rates in the state. This will permit us to use all sim labs to bring in ½ of dental and ½ of dental hygiene student classes at a time for a simulation class. It will require each class to be given twice in order to have an entire class complete the session. An academic schedule has been drafted by the Office of Academic Affairs and will be finalized with course directors and departments. The final schedule will be communicated shortly.

The reopening plan consists of three parts – training/education, clinic orientation and clinic/sim lab opening:

Part 1 – Training and Education

1. Time Frame: May 6th – May 11th.
 - a. All faculty, staff, residents and students must complete the [ADA COVID-19 Webinar](#)
 - b. Faculty, staff, residents and students who are engaged in patient care activities must review the updated Infection Control policy located on the SOD intranet or the COVID-19 SOLE site. This step must be completed before step C which follows.
 - c. Faculty, staff, residents and students who are engaged in patient care activities must complete the SOD Infection Control policy online training; students will access the training via SOLE; faculty, staff and residents will access the training via Net Learning. You will take a post-test to confirm completion and will be asked at that time to attest to review of the updated SOD Infection Control policy. A separate communication will be sent out to each group when the sites are live and the class can be taken.

- d. All training must be successfully completed by the end of the day, May 11th.
- e. Q&A Sessions
 - i. A series of Q&A sessions will be offered on May 12th and 13th for those who have any questions regarding the training. A separate schedule will be published and shared. Members of the COVID-19 TF will be on hand to answer questions regarding the training session.

Part 2 – Clinic Orientation

- 1. Time Frame – May 14th and 15th
 - a. A series of clinic orientation sessions will be held on May 14th and 15th on-site at the HSC, assuming relaxation of the gathering number as previously explained.
 - b. A schedule will be published. Those attending will be faculty, staff, residents and students who have patient care responsibilities.
 - c. Modified clinical operations and procedures, in response to COVID-19, will be reviewed.

Part 3 – Opening/Resumption of Simulation Lab and Elective Clinical Treatment

- 1. Time Frame – May 14th and 15th (Simulation Lab) and May 18th HSC and STC Clinics
 - a. On May 14th and 15th, the D1 and D2 classes will resume simulation lab activities. The D2s on May 14th. The D1s on May 15th. A schedule will be published regarding the course and what session, AM or PM, each student will attend.
 - b. Starting on May 18th, a weekly schedule of simulation lab activities will resume, as published by the Office of Academic Affairs, starting with Spring courses and then rolling into Summer courses.
 - c. On May 18th, elective patient care will resume at both HSC and STC clinics, including rotations for students at the HSC.
 - d. The Office of Clinical Affairs will be issuing separate instructions on the process to appoint patients and the assignment/rotation schedule shortly.
 - e. The main HSC clinic will only accommodate 25 students/patients per session. Extended and additional clinic sessions are currently being planned to compensate for the lack of chairs during each session. More details will follow.