

Board Statement of May 7, 2020

Current CDC and OSHA national interim guidance recommend postponing elective dental procedures, but the decision is left up to each state government. Governor Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health have reopened Alabama to elective medical and dental procedures based on the situation in Alabama. The opinion the Dental Board released on April 29, 2020, and revised on May 7, 2020, interprets the current CDC guidance and gives a practical way to practice consistently with OSHA's suggestions. The Dental Board has consulted with CDC and OSHA on these matters. Each individual dentist must decide his or her ability to practice safely in their office circumstance and environment.