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**Sent:** Wed, 18 Mar 2020 19:52:29 -0400  
**To:** Ronald Frank  
**Subject:** Re: Dental offices and the coronavirus IMPORTANT

Thank you for your note.  
A.S. Fauci

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> On Mar 18, 2020, at 7:28 PM, Ronald Frank (b) (6) > wrote:  
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> Dear Dr Fauci,  
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> Firstly, I would like to commend you on your expertise and leadership.  
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> As we develop a comprehensive plan to tackle the coronavirus pandemic, I believe that we have failed to address a critical piece of the puzzle to contain the virus.  
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> I am a physician and urologist, but I am astutely aware of the dental profession. I have a older brother who is a practicing dentist and I have voiced my concerns to him.  
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> Each and everyone of us who has had an appointment with a dentist knows the procedure of pressure irrigation in the mouth resulting in a mist and aerosol of secretions and saliva depositing on the faces of patients, the dentist and on all the surfaces in the treatment rooms. While the dentist wears a face mask, the spray of secretions, in a potential coronavirus carrier, widely contaminates surfaces, other employees and patients.  
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> I pose the question, should dental offices be actively treating patients during this critical phase in the Coronavirus pandemic? Everything which I have mentioned is corroborated by several practicing dentists. Is the he CDC and the NIH obligated to set guidelines and restrictions on dental care during this critical time as we try to get control of increasing numbers of cases. Should the ADA take a stronger stance during this crisis?  
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> I respectfully reserve these decisions and recommendations to you and your colleagues Thank you  
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> Sincerely,  
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