

Walz to extend Minnesota stay-at-home order for at least two more weeks

A statewide stay-at-home order [will remain in place for at least another two weeks](#) in Minnesota as state health officials try to thread the needle between protecting the public from the COVID-19 pandemic and allowing businesses and the economy to resume. Governor Tim Walz is expected to announce the extension of the current stay-at-home order, which otherwise expires Monday. New flexibility will allow businesses to reopen with curbside pickup or delivery for customers.

[Watch Walz's briefing here at 2 p.m.](#)

The Stay-at-home Order has been extended through May 18th. **Dental professionals are essential ambulatory healthcare workers, and this does not impact you.** The Governor is evaluating a plan to phase back into non-emergent and elective care and will announce even more information on Monday. The Board's guidance on PPE, risk mitigation strategies, and engineering controls remains relevant to the provision of dental care. The Board has already provided guidance in conjunction with CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in Dentistry and is also working in conjunction with the MDH for further guidance on resuming elective care. Dental clinics and dental providers have been taking additional actions and working hard to employ additional health and safety measures. As we work through this in the coming weeks, we are recommending that dental hygiene resume using hand scaling only once we do phase in and resume care. As of right now, the Governor has not changed the timeline that we previously provided (Peacetime Emergency and limitation on non-emergent and elective care is through May 13th at midnight). However, he does plan to issue an updated message on Monday regarding elective care. You will find more information on this by the end of Monday. As the Governor stated today, the State of Minnesota is working on restoring patients to all healthcare, including non-emergent and elective care.