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Dear Ms Heck and Ms. Hennig:

Thank you for your letter dated May 11, 2020. I appreciate that you took the time to communicate your concerns.

During the development of the Alberta Dental Association and College (ADA&C) guidelines, the "financial ramifications of limiting services and maintaining reduced patient load" was never the primary consideration in any of our discussions or decisions. The Alberta Dental Association and College developed guidelines by examining evidence from a broad range of studies. We worked in collaboration with the Canadian Dental Association. The ADA&C evaluated the alignment of our guides with that of dental regulators and associations across Canada and around the globe.

The ADA&C has been in communication with the regulatory bodies for the both the registered dental assistants and the registered dental hygienists in Alberta. The ADA&C recommends that dental assistants and dental hygienists consult their respective regulatory bodies on the regulations around returning to a full scope of practice.

We further recommend that any concerns about work place safety be raised with the ownership of the practice in which they work. No-one should work in an environment that is not safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy Basarab', written over a white background.

Dr. Troy Basarab  
President