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Dear Maeghan Heck and Dianne Hennig:

Thank you for your email regarding return to work guidelines for oral health professionals.

I appreciate you bringing this concern to my attention and I recognize the challenges and pressures multiple guidelines place on oral health professionals.

During the review of the oral health guidelines, it became apparent that consideration must be given to the broader practice environment that is shared between oral health professionals. As such, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer will be requesting the Alberta Dental Association and College, the College of Alberta Dental Assistants, and the College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta to work together to develop a joint guideline for dentists, dental assistants, and dental hygienists.

If you have any questions regarding this request, I encourage you to connect with Susan vander Heide, Executive Director and Complaints Director, College of Alberta Dental Assistants at [svanderheide@abrda.ca](mailto:svanderheide@abrda.ca) or 780-486-3146 extension 222.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Tyler Shandro, Q.C.  
Minister of Health

cc: Susan vander Heide, Executive Director and Complaints Director  
College of Alberta Dental Assistants

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