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Dear Licensee,

The Board conducted an emergency virtual meeting today at 1:00 p.m. to discuss decisions and guidance related to COVID-19 measures. Please see the brief **summary** of the meeting.

The Board issued a **statement** and **opinion** interpreting CDC guidance as we move forward in reopening dentistry. The Board communicated directly with CDC, the Alabama Department of Public Health, and the Governor's office in developing the opinion. The opinion provides detailed guidance, and you should review it carefully.

The Board also expressed the law as it relates to **teledentistry**, and explained that this was the state of the law before the pandemic, and will remain after the pandemic.

The Board also met in executive session to discuss confidential matters unrelated to the pandemic; and voted to allow the Alabama Dental Hygiene Program to accept up to 200 applicants for this year, which likely will include all applicants—as the Program is accustomed to doing.

Sincerely, Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

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