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Emergency Dental Care Resources

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, many dentist offices are closed or are providing emergency care only. For information about defining a dental emergency, visit the American Dental Association's resource at MouthHealthy.org/virus. If you are not sure if your condition qualifies as an emergency and prefer a dentist consultation, call your current dentist to ask if they are accepting emergency or telehealth appointments.

In the meantime, don't forget to practice good dental hygiene habits at home by continuing to brush and floss regularly. Don't share mouthwash bottles or toothbrushes and be sure to replace toothbrushes if you or a family member have been ill.

WHAT IS A DENTAL EMERGENCY?

Dental emergencies are conditions that require immediate attention such as uncontrolled bleeding, trauma to the face, or infections with facial or mouth swelling. The ADA recommends you contact your dentist for any of the following:

- Any *severe* mouth pain, irritation or swelling

- A chipped or broken tooth, bridge or crown that is painful or is causing damage to the gums

- Trauma that has knocked teeth out or pushed teeth out of place

- Any dental treatment required prior to critical medical procedures

- A new lump, bump, red or white patch that does not go away in few days

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