



## Talking points for questions you may receive about dentists volunteering for vaccine administration:

- 1) **Question:** *I heard dentists are going to be administering vaccines! How can I setup an appointment?*

Under the new guidelines, dentists will be only volunteering with local county health departments in the coming weeks to assist with mass vaccination efforts. These efforts will be organized by the county health departments, and not at the dental office, so please keep checking your local health department's website if you want to get a vaccination.

- 2) **Question:** *Will any dentist be able to volunteer?*

Dentists who have taken the 1 hour CE course will be able to assist with mass vaccination efforts.

- 3) **Question:** *I heard my dentist will be able to administer the vaccine in their office. When will this happen?\**

Dentists might be able to administer the COVID-19 vaccine within the office in the coming months as more vaccines may become available, but there is no definite timetable at this point. Training courses that meet the requirements of the recently issued proclamation that allows dentists to administer the COVID-19 vaccine are still being developed, and it might take a few months for this to happen.

\*This question, and how it is ultimately answered, might warrant some additional discussion if the practice has an opinion, at this time, whether it ultimately plans to administer the COVID vaccine when doses might be made available. This information might be beneficial to provide so that a patient does not rely solely on the practice as a resource in which to receive the vaccine.

