

Policy on Infection Control

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The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) recognizes the importance of infection control policies, procedures, and practices in dental health care settings in order to prevent disease transmission from patient to care provider, from care provider to patient, and from patient to patient. The AAPD acknowledges *Guidelines for Infection Control in the Dental Health-Care Setting—2003*¹ as an in-depth review of infection control measures for dental settings, and supports the strategies therein. Aware that some recommendations are based only on suggestive evidence or theoretical rationale, and because many concerns regarding infection

control in the dental setting remain unresolved, the AAPD encourages dental practitioners to follow current literature and consider carefully infection control measures in their practices so as to minimize the risk of disease transmission.

Reference

1. Kohn WG, Collins AS, Cleveland JL, et al. CDC. Guidelines for infection control in dental health-care settings—2003. *MMWR Recomm Rep*. December 19; 2003;52:(RR-17):1-61.

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