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DOH-PASCO AND THE WEST PASCO DENTAL ASSOCIATION RECOMMEND OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH URGENT DENTAL NEEDS



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PASCO COUNTY, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Pasco County (DOH-Pasco) wants residents who are experiencing dental pain or infection to consider checking out DentalCupid.com if their dentist's office is closed due to COVID-19. This will help reduce the number of emergency department patients by providing immediate referrals to local dental offices for urgent dental care. Residents who need emergency dental care can avoid hospital emergency rooms by seeking care from dentists close to where they live.

DentalCupid.com is a national directory of dentists sorted by geocode that is available to patients who might otherwise lack access to prompt urgent dental treatment. Patients may contact any dental office directly to learn how they can help and to schedule an appointment.

Using this dental service for urgent dental needs will help conserve hospital emergency department resources, including personnel time, facility space and personal protective equipment. It could also help reduce the time it takes to get appropriate care for those in need of immediate dental treatment, as well as reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure.

For medical staff, first responders or emergency departments, this site can be referred as part of a phone or in-person screening to route dental patients appropriately.

About the Florida Department of Health

The department, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](http://PublicHealthAccreditationBoard.org), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. <http://pasco.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/aids/index.html>

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