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INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL STANDARD UPDATE

A working group representing Saskatchewan's oral health professions collaboratively reviewed the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Standard for Oral Health Facilities and brought forward recommendations to each respective council.

The CDHS Council approved the recommended revisions at its February meeting, and the updated [IPC Standard](#) was published in February 2026. In addition to the revised document, the College developed an IPC Standard [Highlights](#) resource to outline key changes for ease of review.

Registrants are encouraged to review the revised standard in its entirety if they have not yet done so.

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Following significant revisions to the Administrative Bylaws, the Council has focused on implementing the new appointment-based selection process. The Governance Committee developed a selection rubric and issued a call for expressions of interest in early January.

The Council was pleased to see strong engagement from registrants. Applications were carefully reviewed against the Council's skills matrix and selection criteria, with recommendations brought forward in February.

The following individuals have been selected and are currently completing orientation. They will officially take office on May 2, 2026: Aman Sayeed, Kirsten Holmes, and Jennifer Burns. Congratulations and welcome to the Council.

The College's Annual General Meeting was held virtually on March 18, 2026. At the meeting, information on registrant statistics, complaint proceedings, and other activities from November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025, was presented. Registrants are encouraged to review the consolidated annual report and financial statements available on the College website.

The Governance Committee has plans to call for expressions of interest for Discipline Committee members in the near future. Registrants interested in contributing are encouraged to watch for this opportunity.

COLLEGE UPDATES

The College recently facilitated an open consultation on a proposed regulatory bylaw revision intended to support legislative changes to *The Dental Disciplines Act*, specifically the repeal of Section 25.

Feedback was received from registrants, dental hygienists practicing under contract, the Independent Practice Network of the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA), and other Saskatchewan regulatory bodies. This input has been consolidated and will inform the Council's recommendations to the Ministry. An executive summary will be shared with registrants in the near future. The College thanks all those who participated in this important process.

The Government of Saskatchewan continues to work toward implementing *The Regulated Health Professions Act*. While initial phases will involve select professions, broader implementation is anticipated in the coming years. Draft general and restricted activity regulations have been released for consultation, and a provincial town hall is planned for June. The College is actively preparing for the impacts of this legislation.

In April, the College made a presentation to Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Year 3 dental hygiene students and looks forward to welcoming new registrants this summer.

OFFICE INFORMATION

If you are planning to visit the College office, please call ahead or arrange an appointment to ensure staff availability. As a small team, we appreciate advance notice to ensure we can assist you during your visit. Street parking is available, and building access can be obtained using buzz code **0006**.

On behalf of the College and Council,
we wish you a happy National Dental
Hygienists Week™