Dentistry has always been diligent in practicing strict infection control protocols but COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact on the way we practice dentistry today. Since this infectious disease is spread primarily via respiratory droplets that can travel through the aerosols generated in a dental office, the CDC, NIOSH, OSHA, ADA, ADHA, and NYDHA are continually updating recommendations as new information is discovered.

This course will highlight the most current recommendations that dental professionals should be aware of in order to provide a safe working environment for all staff members as well as minimize the transmission of COVID-19 to our patients.

Learning objectives: At the completion of this course, participants will:

- Develop an understanding of their professional responsibility to embrace infection control protocols that minimize the transmission of COVID-19 to patients and dental professionals
- Understand information about COVID is continually evolving as we learn more information about this pathogen
- Learn about a variety of options that can be implemented so clinicians can choose those that best fit their office needs

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About our speakers

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Jillian Rinaldi, RDH, brings 19 years of dental expertise with experience as both a dental assistant and a dental hygienist. Her passion and enthusiasm is evident to both her patients and her fellow team members. She currently practices dental hygiene in both a general and periodontal office. She is a consultant who utilizes her clinical experience as well as her experience as a dental assisting and dental hygiene educator to coach practices in moving toward comprehensive care models. She is a member of ADHA and NYDHA.