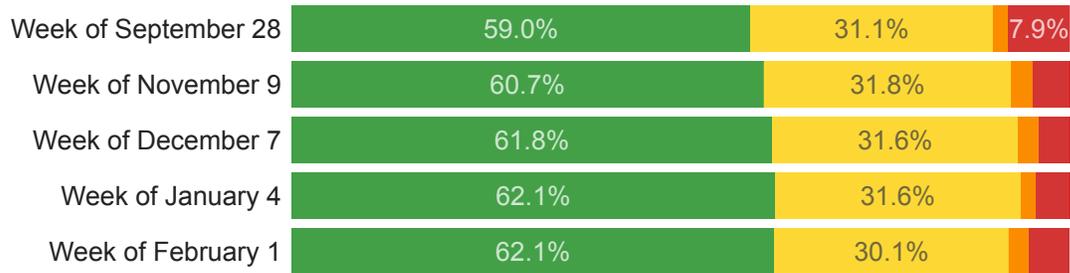


# COVID-19: Impact on Dental Hygienists



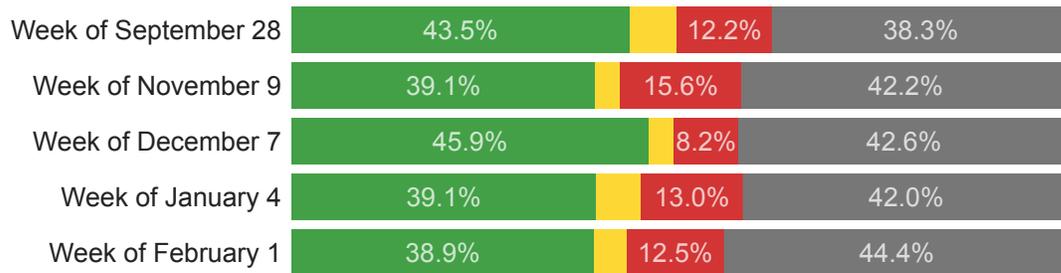
## Economic Questions

**Which of the following best describes your current employment status?**



- Full-time as a dental hygienist
- Part-time as a dental hygienist
- Semi-retired as a dental hygienist
- Not employed as a dental hygienist

***[If not employed]* Are you currently receiving unemployment benefits?**



- Yes
- I've applied, but have not received any benefits yet
- No, my application was not approved
- No, I have not applied

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***[If not employed]*** If you are not currently working as a dental hygienist, please indicate the primary reason why.



- Voluntarily left my position
- Employer laid off/furloughed me
- Employer permanently let me go from my position

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***[If not employed]*** If you voluntarily stopped working as a dental hygienist, please indicate the reason(s) why. (Choose all that apply.)

	Week of Nov 9	Week of Dec 7	Week of Jan 4	Week of Feb 1
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist until after the COVID-19 pandemic is under control	61.0%	71.4%	64.4%	57.8%
I have concerns about my employer's adherence to workplace/safety standards	31.7%	62.9%	48.9%	40.0%
I have insufficient childcare available while working	24.4%	22.9%	17.8%	24.4%
I have an underlying health condition	24.4%	22.9%	20.0%	20.0%
Someone in my household has an underlying health condition	17.1%	20.0%	22.2%	24.4%
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist any longer	9.8%	11.4%	13.3%	8.9%
I have retired from practicing dental hygiene	9.8%	14.3%	8.9%	17.8%
I am unable to tolerate wearing a mask or other PPE	9.8%	17.1%	13.3%	8.9%
I have accepted a non-dental hygienist position	7.3%	8.6%	15.6%	20.0%
My employer reduced my salary too much	7.3%	0.0%	6.7%	6.7%
I have moved to another state and am not licensed as a dental hygienist yet	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
I prefer not to say	2.4%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%
Other reason	2.4%	0.0%	6.7%	4.4%
<b>Number of Respondents:</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>

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***[If not employed]*** If your employer let you go from your position, please indicate the reason(s) why you are not currently practicing. (Choose all that apply.)

	Week of Nov 9	Week of Dec 7	Week of Jan 4	Week of Feb 1
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist until after the COVID-19 pandemic is under control	42.9%	47.8%	36.4%	45.5%
I have concerns about my employer's adherence to workplace/safety standards	38.1%	39.1%	36.4%	40.9%
I have an underlying health condition	33.3%	43.5%	27.3%	45.5%
I have not yet found a new position	23.8%	17.4%	36.4%	13.6%
My employer has low patient volume	23.8%	30.4%	22.7%	22.7%
My employer has PPE on backorder/insufficient supply	23.8%	13.0%	18.2%	9.1%
I am waiting to be rehired by my dental practice	19.0%	17.4%	22.7%	13.6%
I have insufficient childcare available while working	14.3%	4.3%	18.2%	9.1%
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist any longer	9.5%	4.3%	9.1%	18.2%
I have retired from practicing dental hygiene	4.8%	0.0%	9.1%	22.7%
I am employed in another type of dental-related position	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Other reason	4.8%	8.7%	4.5%	4.5%
<b>Number of respondents:</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>

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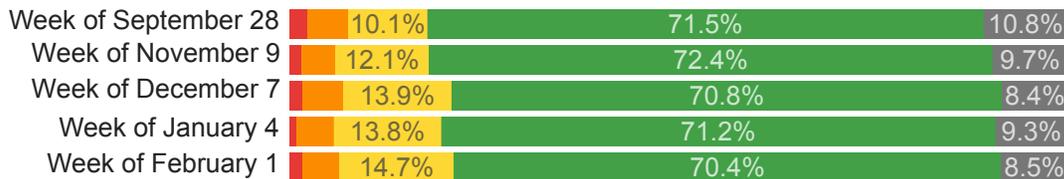
**How many days' worth of the following PPE does the location where you primarily work have at this time?**

## N95/KN95 masks



● 0 days ● 1 to 7 days ● 8 to 14 days ● More than 14 days ● Not sure

## Surgical masks



● 0 days ● 1 to 7 days ● 8 to 14 days ● More than 14 days ● Not sure

## Face shields



● 0 days ● 1 to 7 days ● 8 to 14 days ● More than 14 days ● Not sure

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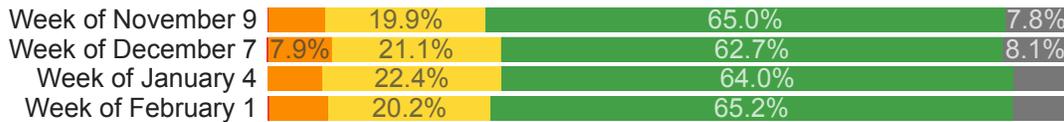
*(continued)* How many days' worth of the following PPE does the location where you primarily work have at this time?

## Gowns



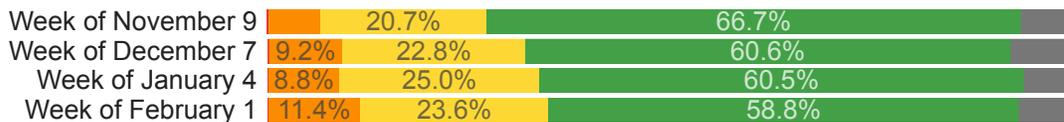
● 0 days ● 1 to 7 days ● 8 to 14 days ● More than 14 days ● Not sure

## Disinfecting supplies *(not included Week of Sept 28)*



● 0 days ● 1 to 7 days ● 8 to 14 days ● More than 14 days ● Not sure

## Gloves *(not included Week of Sept 28)*



● 0 days ● 1 to 7 days ● 8 to 14 days ● More than 14 days ● Not sure

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## Number of responses:

Field	Choice Count
Wave 1 - Week of September 28	4,804
Wave 2 - Week of November 9	1,439
Wave 3 - Week of December 7	1,549
Wave 4 - Week of January 4	1,629
Wave 5 - Week of February 1	1,397