As dentists around the country begin to reopen their practices with added precautions, the following list highlights three areas that you may want to consider. *(Please note: None of the companies or organizations listed below is in any way recommended or endorsed by the ADA or its subsidiaries):*

## HVAC:

Dentists may want to consider checking and updating or adding extra environmental controls.

Air exchange is an important consideration. Dentists should check with their HVAC contractor to make sure their air exchanges are adequate and consider increased HVAC level filtration and perhaps review [American society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) recommended guidelines](https://www.ashrae.org/file%20library/about/position%20documents/pd_infectiousaerosols_2020.pdf).

If you (or your facilities management company) doesn’t have a regular HVAC contractor, the following two organizations may be helpful in locating an HVAC specialist near you.

* [Air Conditioning Contractors of America](https://hvac-contractors.acca.org/locator)
* [Associated Builders and Contractors](http://www.abc.org/Chapter-Locator)

## Partition Screens / Doors and Room Build Outs:

Dentists may choose to order dividing walls to at least partially close off operatories or open bays. You might also consider installing screens at the front desk and in patient waiting areas. Glass barriers may be more expensive than those made of plexi-glass, but glass may be easier to fully disinfect and less prone to discoloration from cleaning supplies.

The four national suppliers listed below can help with off-the-shelf systems or can work with you to create a custom order for your practice:

Glass Dividers and Doors:

* [Clarus](https://www.clarus.com/)

Phone: 888.813.7414  
Email: [info@clarus.com](mailto:info@clarus.com)

* [The Sliding Door Company](https://www.spaceplus.com/)

Phone: 866.792.5786

Acrylic Solutions:

* [Lumicor](https://www.lumicor.com/)

Phone: 425.255.4000  
Email: [sales@lumicor.com](mailto:sales@lumicor.com)   
Locate a rep: [www.lumicor.com/locate-rep](http://www.lumicor.com/locate-rep)

* [ModTruss](https://www.modtruss.com/)

Phone: 844.663.8787  
Email: [info@modtruss.com](mailto:info@modtruss.com)

## Laundry Services

The CDC and the ADA interim guidance issued in response to COVID-19 recommends that dentists and staff change at the office and that dentists no longer bring scrubs to their personal homes for washing. If your office does not have a washer and dryer on site, a laundry service is recommended. Most laundry services are local or regional, but a national source for medically accredited laundry services can be found via the [Healthcare Laundries Accredited for Patient Safety](https://www.hlacnet.org/).