



**MARYLAND**  
Department of Health  
State Board of Dental Examiners

## **Treating the Unvaccinated**

The Board has received several inquiries regarding the ethics surrounding dismissing a patient who has not been vaccinated against COVID-19. By Board regulation, dentists are required to comply with the ADA's "Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct." See COMAR 10.44.23.03.D.(1). Thus, it may be instructive to review the ethical guidance issued by the ADA regarding this particular topic.

[https://www.ada.org/~media/ADA/About%20the%20ADA/Files/The\\_Ethics\\_of\\_Vaccination.pdf](https://www.ada.org/~media/ADA/About%20the%20ADA/Files/The_Ethics_of_Vaccination.pdf)

The Board evaluates each case before it on its own merits and based on its own unique facts and circumstances. As such, the linked guidance is strictly intended to be informational and should not be construed to be a rule, regulation, or official policy of the Board. Should you have any further questions on ethical considerations, the Board recommends that you contact an attorney of your choice who can advise you on health law issues.