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Mr. Rob Glenn
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
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Dear Mr. Glenn:

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) represents 39,000 general dentists who provide the full range of dental care to patients across the country. We appreciate your willingness to interact with us throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. AGD realizes that FEMA has been instrumental in developing a more streamlined approach to personal protective equipment (PPE) allocations in the nation.

During our conference call with you and other FEMA representatives on June 11th, FEMA officials requested data on the PPE needs of dental offices. Subsequently, the AGD conducted a survey and we have attached the summary for your review.

For the most part, the greatest needs for dental offices are N95 and KN95 masks (as a substitute for N95s), level 3 masks, and disposable gowns. N95 masks are critical for dental offices due to the potential for aerosol generating procedures.

According to the results of the AGD survey, dentists are seeking out alternative vendors, as they are generally not able to fulfill all of their PPE needs with their usual suppliers. Anything that FEMA can do to increase the availability of N95 and KN95 masks, level 3 masks, and disposable gowns would be most appreciated and assist in keeping dental health care personnel and patients safe from potential disease transmission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Connie L. White, DDS, FAGD'.

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