

West Virginia Board of Dentistry

Statement Concerning Recent Water Crisis in West Virginia

or

Risk to Public Health

In light of the recent water crisis in 9 southern West Virginia counties, there were concerns of the public and members of the profession whether dental offices should be open to see patients.

It is the policy of the Board of Dentistry that patient and staff health and safety is of paramount concern, and unless the office can assure that this goal is satisfied, the office should not remain open. This policy is applicable whenever there is a reason to suspect that there is risk to public health. It is not only sound public policy to safeguard the patients, it protects your practice.

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