

# WHAT IS A **DENTAL** **EMERGENCY?**



Due to the current **COVID-19** pandemic and the state of health emergency declared in Quebec, the Ordre des dentistes du Québec requires dentists to treat only dental emergencies. The Order has prepared this document to help you better understand what constitutes a dental emergency.

During the pandemic, you can see your dentist  
**ONLY FOR A DENTAL EMERGENCY.**

## IS MY ISSUE **URGENT?**

### **YES**

If you present **one of the following conditions**, please contact your dentist immediately:

- ✓ Severe pain
- ✓ Infection
- ✓ Significant or prolonged bleeding
- ✓ Oral trauma requiring immediate attention

### **NO**

The following dental issues need to be postponed:

- ✗ Broken tooth or lost filling not causing any pain
- ✗ Routine examination, cleaning and X-rays
- ✗ Adjustment/repair of certain dental appliances
- ✗ Teeth whitening

All patients with a dental emergency will be treated using the safety precautions required for their situation, whether they carry COVID-19 or not.

To learn more, go to [maboucheensante.com/covid](https://maboucheensante.com/covid).