**Thank you for your interest in the GDHA event. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 Virus, GDHA Dental Hygienists Appreciation Day has been canceled. But we need your help!**

**GDHA is asking you to contact your local legislators on February 11th *(the day we were supposed to meet at the Capitol)* and let them know that dental hygienists are essential workers and how dental hygienists increase access to preventive dental care and improve the oral health of Georgians.

Following is a link to a GDHA e-blast which contains some information and talking points to help you with your email:**<https://mailchi.mp/812a6eb3c75e/come-celebrate-dental-hygiene-appreciation-day-at-the-capitol-on-thursday-february-8-4712348?e=09b0909577>[https://mailchi.mp/812a6eb3c75e/come-celebrate-dental-hygiene-appreciation-day-at-the-capitol-on-thursday-](https://mailchi.mp/812a6eb3c75e/come-celebrate-dental-hygiene-appreciation-day-at-the-capitol-on-thursday-february-8-4712348?e=09b0909577)**GDHA will be supporting several legislative initiatives for the 2021 legislative session.
We will be sending you talking points for those initiatives later in the session so that you can email them to your legislators.**

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| **\*\**Please pass this email on to any hygiene students, recent grads and other hygienists you know that may be interested in supporting GDHA with their 2021 legislative initiatives.*****If I may answer any questions please feel free to contact GDHA Advocacy Chair, Suzanne Newkirk at**snewkirk@gdha.org**Find Your Legislator**[*HERE*](https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/) |

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