



### Organisers reveal COVID-19

## Safety measures for IDS 2021

IDS 2021 is scheduled to take place from 9 to 13 March next year in Cologne in Germany. "In the past few months, we developed a comprehensive concept for restarting trade fairs in Cologne based on extensive processes and close cooperation with all the relevant authorities," commented Oliver Frese, chief operating officer of Koelnmesse. A joint press release from the Association of the German Dental Industry (VDDI) and its business enterprise, the Society for the Advancement of the Dental Industry (GFDI), explained that Koelnmesse's #B-SAFE4business health measures are grouped into the four sections: SHOW SAFE, MEET SAFE, STAY SAFE and VISIT SAFE. The measures will regulate interaction at the trade fair by providing ample space for spreading large numbers of partici-

pants out safely throughout the exhibition halls, in which a digital signage system will enhance communication. Stands will be allotted more floor space so that the number of visitors at individual stands will not need to be limited, provided that a minimum distance of 1.5m can be maintained. The distribution of trade fair participants and the flow of visitors will be monitored and, if necessary, regulated using technical solutions. Visitors will only be able to purchase tickets online so that the organisers can ensure traceability of all participants. Koelnmesse said that it would review its safety concept on a regular basis and adapt it to changing conditions.

**Source: Koelnmesse/Dental Tribune International**

### COVID-19 and domestic violence:

## How dentists can help those in need



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According to UN Women, a United Nations body dedicated to gender equality, the outbreak of COVID-19 has been accompanied by a shadow pandemic of increased domestic violence against women. In Argentina, for example, emergency calls related directly to instances of domestic violence have risen by 25% since the

pandemic began. A paper recently published in the *British Dental Journal* (BDJ) sought to clarify what role dental professionals, particularly oral and maxillofacial surgeons, play in such situations and how they can better help patients who have been affected by this form of abuse. As emphasised by the authors, studies suggest that between 65 and 95% of physical domestic violence assaults result in facial trauma for the victim. Therefore, dental professionals have an important duty to identify patients who may have been assaulted in this manner and to refer them to the appropriate local agencies and services. Dr Paul Coulthard, co-author of the study, told Dental Tribune International: "There has been a heightened awareness of the increased risk of domestic violence and abuse because of restrictions on movement and the need for household isolation, so dental professionals and the oral maxillofacial surgery team should be increasing their alertness and commitment to identification and referral." The paper, titled "COVID-19, domestic violence and abuse, and urgent dental and oral and maxillofacial surgery care", was published online on 26 June 2020 in the *British Dental Journal*.

**Source: Dental Tribune International**

FDI disagrees with

## WHO's latest guidance

In early August the World Health Organization (WHO) released interim guidelines regarding dental visits, in which they advised that “routine non-essential oral health care—which usually includes oral health check-ups, dental cleanings and preventive care—be delayed until there has been sufficient reduction in COVID-19 transmission rates.” In response to the guidelines, the FDI World Dental Federation published a statement on their website, in which they argue that “[...] oral healthcare is essential to maintaining good overall health and routine care is necessary for the early detection, prevention, and control of oral diseases.” The statement further reads: “FDI and its approximately 200 member associations in 130 countries have put measures in place to ensure that patients and staff are adequately protected from infection risk to avoid viral transmission [...].” The statement concludes that “contrary to recent media reports, people can safely visit the dentist and utilise oral health services, in the context of COVID-19, if a country’s regulations permit this.” The WHO have since released



another statement, arguing that “misinterpretation of the WHO document has led to widespread confusion and the circulation of inaccurate and misleading information in some media outlets.”

**Source: FDI World Dental Federation**

“CleanImplant Certified Dentists” in 19 countries

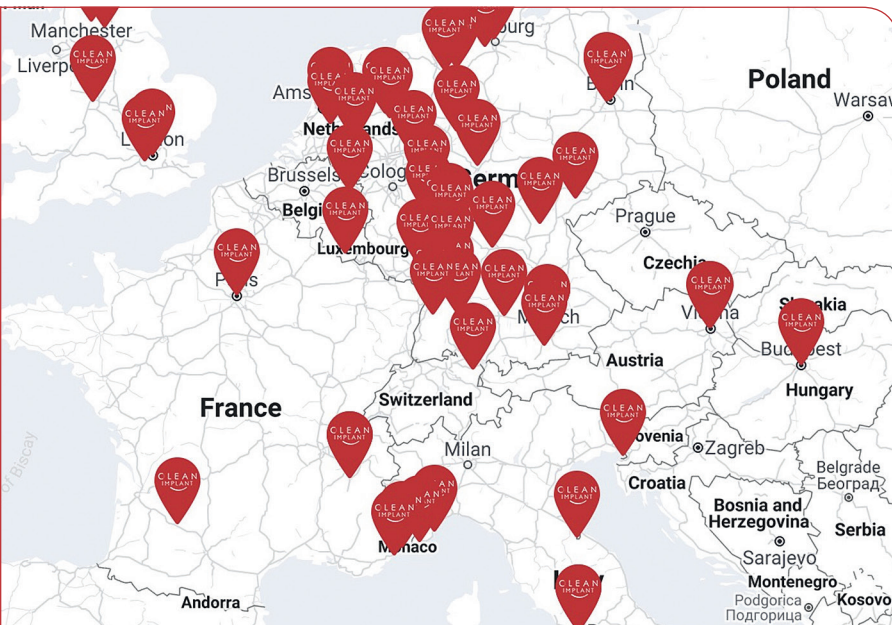
## Initiative creates safety for implantologists and patients

For many years, CleanImplant has been performing quality assessment studies on sterile packaged implants in accredited testing laboratories. The “Trusted Quality” seal for clean implants can only be awarded after an independent evaluation of test results has successfully been completed in a strict peer-review process. “Alarming contamination on many other test samples should raise concerns for every practitioner,” says Dirk Duddeck, dentist and founder of the non-profit CleanImplant Foundation. Study results

show quite clearly that neither the exposed market position of manufacturers nor the country of production or the price alone can provide any certainty that the implants sold are actually clean. Significant residues of detergents, silicon compounds or polyacetal—even on ceramic implants—from the production and packaging process have been found on sterile packaged samples. “We’ve also seen metallic particles with nickel- or copper-containing compounds on dental implants. Implant quality seems to be getting out

of hand—and we are no longer alone with this criticism. Three years ago, we launched an initiative for residue-free implants on the internet. We never dreamed that we would have almost 100,000 dental professionals following us on Facebook in such a short time”. In the meantime, implantologists from 19 countries are registered as a “CleanImplant Certified Dentist”. They can be sure that they only use implants that have been tested as clean. On the new website [www.cleanimplants4you.org](http://www.cleanimplants4you.org), launched as an information campaign directed at patients, a list of practices that have already joined the initiative can be found. For more information, go to [www.cleanimplant.org](http://www.cleanimplant.org).

**Source: CleanImplant Foundation CIF GmbH**



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