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Dr. "Anna" Bettios

Letter from the DC Dental Society President Ioana "Anna" Bettios, DDS, MS, FACP, FICD, FACD

Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the end of the year, I just wanted to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a Happy New Year! I hope everyone will take time out from their busy dental practice to have a relaxing holiday season with friends and families. I have been so honored to have served as your

President this last year, and together with the members of our Board of Directors we have accomplished so much! I will continue to serve our Society and will support our incoming President, Dr. Cheryl Baptiste, in continuing the enormous work and push forward with our strategic initiatives for our Society.

It has been an incredible experience being the President this past year with many milestones achieved for our members and our community. In accomplishing all these achievements, I want to take a minute to thank so many people who supported me in accomplishing all these tasks. First, the Society's Executive Director, Mr. Kurt Gallagher, and the administrative staff, Ms. Cheryl Michi and Ms. Maeceon Lewis, for their endless after-hours work to get Board presentations, committee agendas, and social media announcements published on time for our meetings and to inform our members. Second, my presidential appointee, my friend and colleague, Dr. Chris Loukaitis, for his support and guidance with his vast experience from many past positions of leadership with our Society. Third, our Board members, Committee and Subcommittee Chairs for their volunteer service and support resulting in outstanding accomplishments on several fronts:

- Amazing forward steps from our lobbying, policy development and legislative committees to improve dental licensing delays and dental staffing, as well as insurance reform proposals with ongoing discussions with DC Health Council Committee members and the DC Dental Board.
- Great efforts by the Board members and Public Policy Committee mem-

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Letter from the President

bers with discussions and letters to the membership, as well as leadership of the DC Council Committee on Health and the DC Board of Dentistry.

- Amazing support for seasoned lecturers by our Education Committee and the Symposium Committee.
- Outstanding resolutions and participation by our delegates and secretary at the House of Delegates Meeting and 4th District Caucus meetings.
- Publication of updated articles by the Bylaws Committee to include electronic voting, and the change of officers to January of each year.
- Innovational ideas and events from our membership committee for future member recreational outings, happy hours and charity events.
- Amazing social media engagements by new volunteers and committee chair to keep membership informed of events, updates, and monthly meetings.
- Spirited discussions by the Strategic Planning Committee with proposals for improving membership market share of DC dentists, and collaborations and partnerships to increase future financial revenue for our Society.

Congratulations to our 2024 officers: President Dr. Cheryle Baptiste, President-Elect Dr. Hillary Hochman, and Vice President Dr. Kim Menhinick; Secretary Dr. Sally Cram, and Treasurer Dr. Eugene Giannini, on their re-election; and our Delegate and Alternate Delegates respectively, Drs. Angela Noguera and Pat Grogan, for their re-election.

I enjoyed the December monthly CE presentation by Dr. Uche Odiatu that was held on December 5 on "Fit body. Calm Mind. Inspired Practice.

I would like to remind everyone to register early for the upcoming January Awards meeting and installation of new officers on January 16, 2024. The awards dinner was previously held in June, but this year it was changed due to a recent Bylaws revision to the beginning of the year with the installation of the new officers. As always, pre-registration is strongly encouraged due to the popularity of this event. Our award recipients will be announced soon. Details of this meeting and upcoming lectures can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. Watch for more details in future issues of the newsletter, on social media and on the Meetings page on our website.

I would like to congratulate the first ever recipients of the DC Dental Society Foundation scholarship. This scholarship was launched by the Foundation earlier this year to act on concerns about the high cost of dental education by providing meaningful financial assistance to dental school students. The 2023-2024 academic year recipients are Gabriel Thompson

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Letter from the President

(2nd year), Clifton Enlers, Jr. (3rd year) and Stacie Davis (4th year).

Also, remember to pay your annual dues early to avoid any interruptions in membership. Please check your emails and letters/invoices for membership renewal, which will be sent in Mid-December.

In closing, I want to thank our members for their support during this past year, and to encourage them to remain good ambassadors in recruiting new members in our efforts to strengthen our Society. Our initiative for a member-bring-a-new-member recruitment bonus has been very successful, and it continues to be in effect. If a dentist you recruit becomes a member of DCDS, you will receive a \$100 reward (up to four members). Some DCDS members have already recruited new members and received their reward under this program. Please let the DCDS office know that you are bringing a new member and to ask for more information on this initiative. I am honored to have met so many great dentists and colleagues at our meetings, and I am looking forward to continuing my support of our Society through future Board meetings, committees and events.

Wishing all again a Happy Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year with all your wishes fulfilled!

Very Sincerely,

Dr. Ioana “Anna” Bettios, DDS, MS, FICD, FACD, FACP
President 2022-2023

We are DCDS: Passionate About Advancing Dental Medicine, Serving Our Community and Engaging Dental Professionals!

DCDS Annual Awards Meeting January 16th from 6 to 8 PM Save the Date!

All DCDS members are invited to attend the Annual Awards Meeting on Tuesday, January 16 from 6-8 PM. Please mark your calendars and watch for an announcement over the next few days to share the event location.

During the event, the new DC Dental Society officers and board members will be installed. This event is also an opportunity to honor the latest DCDS award honorees and the recipients of the new DCDS Foundation scholarship. We hope you will join us as we start the New Year.

Stay tuned for additional details and instructions on registering for this event.

2023 DCDS Election Results

Congratulations to all newly elected DCDS and DCDS Foundation leaders. We thank you for your willingness to serve.

DCDS Officers

Dr. Hillary Hochman—President-Elect

Dr. Kim Menhinick—Vice President

Dr. Eugene Giannini—Treasurer

Dr. Sally Cram—Secretary

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DCDS Delegation to the ADA House of Delegates

Dr. Angela Noguera—Delegate

Dr. Patrick Grogan—Alternate Delegate

Upcoming 2024 Continuing Education Presentations

As a reminder all members of the DC Dental Society, including those in a residency program, can attend our monthly meetings at no cost. I hope you will join us in-person at the DCDS office to reconnect with your friends and colleagues in the dental community over dinner, while earning up to 2 hours of continuing education.

Monthly business meeting begins at 5:45 p.m. Educational session begins at approximately 6:00 p.m. [Visit the DCDS website](#) for course information, speaker bios, fees and cancellation policy.

About DCDS Speakers

Your DC Dental Society has developed a continuing education program that features leading experts in dental care whether they practice across the country or down the street. The inclusion of local presenters on the program for DCDS monthly meetings is intended to foster collegiality and support our local community. DCDS does not endorse one specialist over another, but celebrates D.C. talent.

Meeting Date	Meeting Topic	Speaker
February 13, 2024	Geriatric Dentistry	Dr. Piedad Suarez Durall Dr. Roseann Mulligan
March 12, 2024	Leasing Guidelines for Dental Offices	Mr. Lewis Gelmon
April 9, 2024	Airways	Dr. Tracy Nguyen
May 14, 2024	Implant Anterior Aesthetics	Dr. Jonathan Esquivel
September 10, 2024	Breathing Disorders/ Myofunctional Therapy	Ms. Gillian Gladstone Teran
October 17, 2024	Updates on Current Dental Materials	Dr. Nate Lawson
November 14, 2024	Risk Management and Malpractice Avoidance	Dr. Marc Leffler
December 10, 2024	Cybersecurity	Mr. Gary Salman

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Board of Dentistry Licensure Renewal Training Session

The Board of Dentistry conducted a training session on the license/registration renewal process on November 29. The recording of this session is now available via the button below.

**Watch Recording of Licensure Renewal
Training Session**

For more information about the license/registration renewal process, click on the button below.

Information Sheet on Licensure Process

Next DC Board of Dentistry Meeting

December 13, 2023

9:00 AM

The December meeting will be held in person.

The public may attend virtually via the link below.

899 North Capital St., NE, 2nd Floor

Washington, DC

Meeting Link

DC Board of Dentistry Adopts Policy for Greatly Reduced Financial Penalties When Unregistered Dental Assistants Come Forward to Register Through 12/31/2023

All dental assistants who work in DC are required to register with the Board of Dentistry. Over the past year the Board of Dentistry imposed fines on dental practices and dental assistants when it learned of unregistered dental assistants working in DC. Fines can range as high as \$5,000 on each dental assistant and \$30,000 on the dentist/dental practice.

DCDS is your advocate. We called upon the Board of Dentistry to suspend penalties to allow unregistered dental assistants to come forward to register with the Board. We also called for an end to the registration requirement for Level I dental assistants. To date, that proposal has not been accepted.

Recently the Board of Dentistry adopted the [Policy on Incentivized Time Period for Registration of Dental Assistants](#) to allow unregistered dental assistants who have been working in DC to register with greatly reduced financial penalties assessed.

- The policy will remain in effect until 12/31/2023.
- **The [Incentivized Dental Assistant Registration Cover Letter](#) ("Cover Letter") must be submitted with a registration application in order to be covered by this policy.**
- The penalty imposed on each dental assistant will be \$250 when they apply.
- The penalty for supervising dentists/dental practices will be \$500 per unregistered dental assistant.
- Dental assistants and dentists covered by this policy will be required to complete 2 continuing education hours in ethics.
- The Cover Letter includes the disclaimer that it "cannot be used against me for any other purpose," which provides the unregistered dental assistant and dentist/dental practice with protection from higher fines related to the employment of an unregistered dental assistant.

[Read Board of Dentistry Policy](#)

[Dental Assistant Incentivized Registration Application Cover Letter](#)

Unregistered dental assistants should apply to register with the Board of Dentistry through the [DC Health Licensing Portal](#). If this is the first time they attempt to register, dental assistants will be eligible to submit the [90 Day Supervised Practice Form](#) that allows them to practice for 90 days, upon approval by the Board of Dentistry, while the application is under review.

DC Registration/Licensing Resources

[DC Dental Society Licensure Informational Web Page](#)

[DC Health Licensing Portal](#)

[DC Board of Dentistry Web Page](#)

[DC Dental Assistant Registration Information](#) (Board of Dentistry)

Welcome

New Members

Arezou Garmestani

Bert Hall

Refer a Dentist and Receive Recruitment Bonus when they Join!

We are stronger together. Help DCDS grow.

Members are encouraged to invite dentists who are not current members to join DCDS and the ADA. When a non-member dentist joins, the referring dentist will receive a \$100 recruitment bonus in appreciation.



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Wash and dry a load of laundry in about 2 hours without the hassle of transferring clothes from the washer to the dryer. The deadline to enter to win the revolutionary [2-in-1 UltraFast Combo Washer/Dryer](#) is December 31, 2023.

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²Payment options through Affirm are subject to eligibility, may not be available in all states, and are provided by these lending partners: [affirm.com/lenders](#).

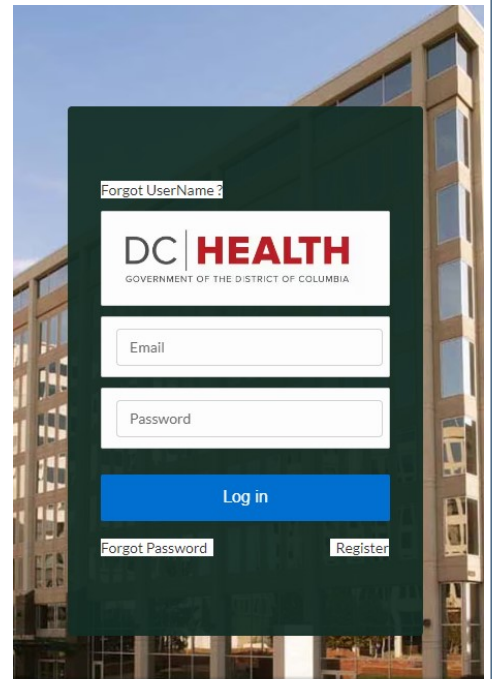
2023 License/Registration Renewals

2023 is a license/registration renewal year. All applications to renew a license or registration to practice dentistry in DC must be submitted through the DC Health Licensing Portal. The portal is now accepting renewal applications from dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants. DC Health strongly encourages all users to review the instructions prior to beginning the process. **License renewal applications must be submitted by December 31, 2023.**

For any questions regarding application requirements, please review materials provided on the [Board of Dentistry website](#) or contact the Board of Dentistry at [by email](#) or by calling 202-724-8801.

Licensing Portal Link

To access the DC Health Licensing Portal, visit <https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/portal-page>.



[Contact Support](#)
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DC Required Continuing Education Available from DCDS

Are you looking for those required courses for your license renewal application? Infection Control? Ethics? LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency? Alternatives to Opioids?

Get them in one place. Recordings of the 2023 DCDS Spring Symposium for Licensure are now available.

See next page for additional details.

Purchase Symposium Recordings

Board of Dentistry Clarifies Criminal Background Requirement

A criminal background check (CBC) will be required for license/registration renewal submissions in 2023 (fee of \$50). The Board of Dentistry recently clarified that the requirement will be dependent upon the type of application submitted. The table below summarizes how the requirement will be implemented.

Application Type	Method of Criminal Background Check
Renewal	Name search—include the applicant’s gender, Social Security number, date of birth, and mailing address No fingerprint required.
New License/Registration	Fingerprint Fingerprint may be taken by traditional roll method or live/electronic scan.
Reinstatement/Reactivation	Fingerprint Fingerprint may be taken by traditional roll method or live/electronic scan.

Courses Required for DC License Renewal

Course Category	CE Credits Offered	Required for Dentists	Required for Dental Hygienists	Required for Dental Assistants
Minimum CE Hours		30 hours	15 hours	10 hours
Infection Control	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
LGBTQ Cultural Competency**	2 hours*	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
Ethics**	1 hour	1 hours	1 hour	1 hour
Abuse and Misuse of Prescription Drugs/Opioids**	2 hours	2 hours for prescribers	Not Required	Not Required
CPR	Not Offered	CPR for health care providers	Basic Level CPR	2 hours in Basic Life Support

*Includes credit for the self-study article “Supporting Hispanic LGBTQ+ Patients.”

** Course is counted towards DC requirement to complete 3 hours (10% of continuing education hours) in topics designated as public health priorities. The full list of topics designated as [public health priorities](#) is available on the DC Health website.

Visit the [Symposium Registration Information page](#) for additional details on registration fees and cancellation policy.

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Registrant Type	Price for Complete Program	Price for Individual Courses
		1. Infection Control, 2. LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency, 3. Ethics, or 4. Preventing Opioids Misuse and Abuse
DCDS Member Dentist	\$400	\$150
Non-DCDS Member Dentist (includes ADA members)	\$650	\$250
Dental Hygienists	\$150	\$60
Post-Doc/Residents	\$175	\$75
Dental Assistants/Other Staff	\$125	\$50
Non-Dental Healthcare Providers	\$650	\$250

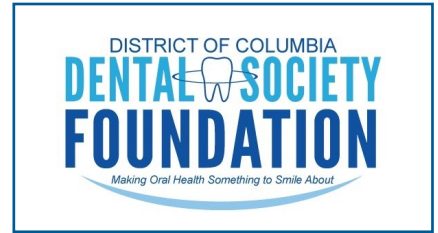
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Feel the joy. Sign up for DC Dental Cares, the DC Dental Society Foundation's pro bono program.



This program is win-win-win: for our community, for the individuals who receive dental procedures that would not otherwise be possible due to costs, and for the DCDS volunteer who gains that warm feeling that comes from doing good.

Patients are fully vetted for need by our partner, the Catholic Charities Healthcare Network (CCHCN), and the treating dentist sets the level of care provided. You can treat one person a year or several a month, all while in the comfort of your own office.

DC Dental Cares Sign Up Form

A Joy to Serve
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DC Dental Society has partnered with service the following companies to bring you discounted pricing on the supplies and services for your practice.

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Compliance Services



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ADA Endorsed Programs

ADA endorsed companies bring you special member savings on products and services designed specifically to work for your practice: from professional liability insurance to business credit cards to office supplies and computers. There are also endorsements geared towards your home life, such as health insurance, appliances, and even automobiles.

Many members are able to recoup a great deal of their dues dollars through the savings they receive by simply participating in these programs. Take advantage of the benefits of membership.

For more information about these programs, visit the [DCDS website](#)



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We can help you find the best loan with a three-minute application, instant credit decision and no fees to apply. In addition, DC Dental Society members receive a 0.25% interest rate discount on all in-school loans* and 0.5% of the loan amount** paid back to the borrower on all refinance loans.

[LEARN MORE](#)



[Tips on Taking Out Private Loans for College](#)

*DC Dental Society Members receive a 0.25% interest rate reduction on In-school loans that are opened through the DC Bar member benefits portal. The DC Dental Society member discount will be applied to your loan account after the initial disbursement occurs.

** Amount equal to 0.5% of the initial loan balance to be credited on the borrower’s statement within 60 days of closing of the loan. For example, if the consolidated loan equaled \$20,000, the member benefit equals \$100, with a maximum of \$599.99.



Address Confidentiality Program



About the Program

The District's **Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)**, administered by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG), helps people at risk of harm stay safe by shielding their street address from public records. ACP services are intended as one tool in an individual's broader safety plan.

This free program provides participants with:

- A legal substitute address to protect their **home, work, or school address**
- A confidential **mail-forwarding** service.

Who Is It For?

You may qualify for the ACP if you:

- (1) fear for your safety;
- (2) currently (or will soon) reside in the District of Columbia; AND
- (3)
 - Have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;
 - Are employed by an organization whose primary purpose is serving victims who have experienced the above offenses; OR
 - Are employed by an organization that focuses on reproductive healthcare.

Applicants are also required to: have moved within the past 60 days, be planning to move within the next 30 days, or have taken adequate measures to ensure their current address is not easily accessible online or through public records. Both adults and children may qualify.

How to Apply

Application assistants are available in several agencies across the District to answer questions, verify eligibility, and accept applications. They also can provide advocacy services and help you develop a comprehensive safety plan based on your individual needs.

To learn more about the ACP or submit your application, reach out to an application assistant at any of the organizations listed at: ovsjg.dc.gov/acp.

Or contact the **Address Confidentiality Program** directly at ACP@dc.gov • (202) 788-2131

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and Justice Grants
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Address Confidentiality Program



How Does the ACP Work?

Substitute Address

Applicants who qualify receive an ACP **authorization card** with a substitute address. This card can be presented to any DC agency in place of your real home, work, or school address. Authorization cards are initially valid for 3 years.

With this legal substitute address you can interact with DC agencies without fear of your actual address appearing in public records. With a substitute address you can:

- Get a DC driver's license or ID card
- Enroll children in DC public/charter school
- Vote and sign petitions

While only District agencies are required to honor the substitute address, placing it on a DC driver's license or ID card will protect your actual address in many day-to-day situations.

Mail Forwarding

When first-class, certified, or registered mail is received at the substitute address, it is forwarded to your home address.

Limitations

A substitute address does not guarantee your actual address will not be required by other non-government agencies. Your real address will still be required for certain activities, including:

- Purchasing a home or property. (Note that the address may appear in related public listings.)
- Applying for a line of credit on your home.
- Setting up utilities for your home.

Additionally, the ACP does not forward junk mail, packages, or magazines; an advocate or application assistant can help you plan for safely receiving that mail. Other limitations may also apply.

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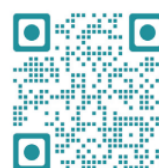
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December JADA examines stem cell uses in dentistry

ADA Morning Huddle, December 5, 2023

The future use of stem cell-based therapies in dentistry will depend on collaborations between clinicians and researchers to better understand the safety, efficacy and feasibility of these treatments. “Initial clinical trials have shown that transplanting dental pulp stem cells into disinfected necrotic teeth has allowed for the recovery of tooth vitality and vertical and horizontal root growth in immature teeth with incomplete root formation,” the authors of the JADA article said.

[Full Story: Stem Cell Uses in Dentistry](#)

Influencing the future of dentistry



ADA Morning Huddle, December 4, 2023

Twin sisters, who are dental students, entrepreneurs, and more recently, social media influencers, offer tips on how to expand an online presence. During a gap year while attending the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, they created a startup called Ap-pBuddy, a mentorship platform aimed to combat educational inequity.

[Full Story: Sisters Develop Mentorship Platform to Combat Educational Inequity](#)

It's time to renew your ADA membership for 2024!

ADA Morning Huddle, December 4, 2023

From co-creating new innovations, to advocating for oral health and dentistry, your voice shapes the work we do. Renew your membership today to continue accessing the tools and support you need to thrive personally and professionally.

[Renew now.](#)

Study: Dental professionals play vital role in promoting systemic health

ADA Morning Huddle, December 4, 2023

According to new research, dentists and team members can make a positive difference for their patients by training to spot some of the symptoms and repercussions of chronic disease. The study found that of 500 patients surveyed, 78% had blood pressures above normal range, 55.8% were outside of the healthy range for body mass index and nearly 40% had an above average waist-to-height ratio.

[Full Story: Dental Professionals Can Play Role in Identifying Signs of Chronic Disease](#)

Waterline safety: 'Clearly still confusion'

ADA Morning Huddle, December 1, 2023

Dental unit waterline maintenance using routine treatment and testing is integral to infection control, helping to prevent bacterial growth and biofilm build-up. Last year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Oral Health issued a Health Alert Network Advisory following a bacterial outbreak at a pediatric office. Learn more about dental water lines on the [ADA website](#).

[Full Story: Dental Unit Waterline Safety](#)

Dentists urge doctors to pay closer attention to oral health

ADA Morning Huddle, December 1, 2023

The mouth can be a window to larger medical concerns, and some dentists are urging primary care providers to check for signs of illness in the oral cavity. Conditions like diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, osteoporosis and more can show indicators in the mouth.

[Full Story: The Five Things Dentists Wished PCPs Weren't Missing](#)

New drug may treat periodontal diseases and support wound care

ADA Morning Huddle, November 29, 2023

A biologist in Pennsylvania developed an experimental drug, 1,4-DPCA, that has shown promise in treating external wounds, nerve damage, periodontal diseases and osteoporosis in mice and rats. Although some biologists are skeptical, the drug has been patented for tissue regeneration, and next steps including testing the drug in larger animal models.

[Full Story: New Drug to Treat Periodontal Disease](#)

6 Ways to Keep Your Smile Bright This Holiday Season



ADA Morning Huddle, November 29, 2023

The holiday season can be hectic – make sure your patients are staying on top of their at-home oral care routines! [Share this list of 6 tips for healthy holiday smiles](#) with your patients! Find more free patient resources at [MouthHealthy.org](https://www.mouthhealthy.org).

COVID-19 variant triples in CDC estimates

ADA Weekend Huddle, December 2, 2023

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Nov. 27 that nearly one in 10 new COVID-19 cases in the U.S. are from the BA.2.86 variant. It is nearly three times of the variant's prevalence two weeks prior.

[Full Story: COVID-19 Variant Triples](#)



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