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### The Safety of Our Patients is Our Highest Priority

*Infection control has always been a top priority for our practice and you may have seen this during your visits to our office. In order to ensure the safety of our patients and staff, we are taking additional precautions as recommended by the Center of Disease Control (CDC), American Dental Association (ADA), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). We also follow the activities of these agencies so that we are up-to-date on any new rulings or guidance that may be issued. We do this to make sure that our infection control procedures are current and adhere to each agencies' recommendations.*

### COVID-19 Dental Appointment and Office Visit Safety Protocol:

- Our office will communicate with you beforehand to ask some **screening questions**. You'll be asked those same questions again when you are in the office.
- The day of your appointment we attempt to keep a **no-wait reception area**.
- We ask any additional accompanying persons to wait in their car.
- We will maintain **daily temperature checks of employees and patients**, and a COVID-19 health questionnaire. Any persons experiencing symptoms the day of the appointment or within 7 days prior will be asked to stay home.
- Upon arrival, a **mask/facial covering** must be worn to enter the office.
- We have **hand sanitizer** that we will ask you to use when you enter the office. You will also find some in the reception area and other places in the office for you to use as needed.
- Appointments will be managed to allow for **social distancing between patients**.
- We will allow **at least 15-20 minutes for the double sanitation of our operatories**, and alternate operatories as needed.
- Each patient will be given a **preprocedural rinse** ([Iorinse](#) or 1.5% hydrogen peroxide if allergic to iodine) to decrease the intra oral viral and bacterial load
- **To manage aerosols** we are using **rubber dam**, additional **high volume suction devices** ([Purevac HVE](#), [Isolite](#)), air filtration systems with **air purifiers** in every operatory.
  - Our HVAC system has been upgraded with **high level HEPA filters** and [iWave-C commercial air purification using patented cold plasma technology](#).
  - Our facility is now equipped with the medical grade [Jade Air Purifying System/Surgically Clean Air](#).
- Our staff will be wearing appropriate **personal protective equipment (PPE)**, including masks, gowns, surgical caps, and face shields that are changed for each patient.
- You must read, initial, and sign the COVID-19 Pandemic Treatment Consent Form.

*You can be sure that we are taking CDC guidelines with the utmost importance in order to protect the health of you and your family.*

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov/) <https://www.cdc.gov/>

[American Dental Association \(ADA\)](https://www.ada.org/) <https://www.ada.org/>

[Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\)](https://www.osha.gov/) <https://www.osha.gov/>

[New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs](https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/) <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/>