

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOL

PRECAUTIONARY STEPS WE ARE TAKING TO PROTECT OUR PATIENTS AND OUR TEAM

In response to the COVID -19 pandemic, we take the safety of our patients very seriously. Our office has met or exceeded all the CDC and OSHA guidelines regarding safety measures. The following measures have been implemented in order to decrease the risk of exposure to the virus:

- **No more than 2 patients in the waiting room seated at least 6 feet apart. Everyone should wear a mask and sanitize their hands upon entering the office. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the front desk. All magazines have been removed from the waiting room.**
- **All other patients have to be in the operatory or have to wait in their car**
- **Patients will be screened by taking their temperature and having them fill out a questionnaire for signs and symptoms of coronavirus. Before the start of the day, the doctor and staff will also take their own temperature and oxygen saturation.**
- **Frequent disinfection of surfaces with an EPA approved disinfectant. Operatory chairs and light handles are wiped down with a high level disinfectant and covered by protective wraps.**
- **Use of HEPA filters for the A/C unit**
- **All staff and providers wear disposable Personal Protective Equipment, including gowns, N95 masks(99.9% filtration), level 3 masks(98% filtration) , gloves, face shields and goggles.**
- **Patients are asked to rinse with 1.5% Hydrogen Peroxide prior to any procedure. Hydrogen Peroxide has been proven to kill coronavirus on contact.**
- **A disinfectant is incorporated in the water coolant used in the dental operatory in order to decrease the viral load in potentially infectious aerosol**
- **All patients will be asked to again disinfect their hands prior to leaving the operatory**
- **Regular use of UV-C light for the duration of 15 mns in order to sterilize the air and surfaces in each operatory after each procedure that might produce aerosol. A portable UV wand will also be used to sterilize smaller items in 5 to 10 seconds. UV-C light is known to kill viruses and bacteria.**

Your safety is our priority. If you have any concerns, please share them with us. We are here to answer any questions that you may have.

Print name

Patient Signature

DATE:

If minor, Signature of Parent or Guardian