

## Letter to Patients During Covid-19

Dear Patient,

Dr. Bennardi and Dr. Barberio want to let you know that we have been studying and researching what we need to do to keep you and our employees safe during this Pandemic. As you know, we have always performed Universal Precautions (surgical masks, gloves, protective eyewear, disinfection of the operatory between every patient, and sterilization of all instruments after every patient).

You will see some additional precautions when you come to your next appointment. We keep our office at a cooler temperature, so please dress accordingly. We will not be able to offer blankets to our patients at this time. We also will be fogging an all-natural disinfectant throughout the entire office at the end of every procedure day and additional disinfection of public places will take place throughout the day.

If you answer yes to any of the questions from number 1, please call us immediately.

### **Covid Guidelines for the Patient the Day Before the Appointment**

1. Please answer the following questions truthfully to yourself. This is not anything that you have to fill out and do for us. BUT if you answer yes to any of them, please call the office to let us know as soon as possible.

Have you had a fever or cold like symptoms within the last week?

Do you have any symptoms of COVID?

2. You will be asked to wear a mask as you enter the building and after you are done with your appointment.
3. You will be asked to rinse your mouth with 1.5% hydrogen peroxide for 20 seconds before the dentist/hygienist sees you.
4. Please expect to be laid back completely flat for treatment. Compromising proper patient position places the provider and assistant in a position to not be able to remove aerosols correctly thus increasing their exposure to the virus.
5. You will have extra suction and/or isolation devices placed in your mouth to decrease the production of aerosols from inside your mouth in addition to all the regular suction devices used in the past.
6. You will be asked to wipe your face and hand with a wipe after your appointment.

### **COVID Guidelines for the Patient the Day of the Appointment**

1. Enter the office wearing a mask over your mouth AND nose.
2. Next disinfect your hands and go to the window to update your information.
3. After you have been dismissed from the treatment room, on the way out the door, please disinfect your hands at the disinfecting station.

**Thank you so much for cooperating with the mandates from the PA Department of Health, CDC, OSHA, PA State Department of Dentistry, American Dental Association, and the Pennsylvania Dental Association**