

## **COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

Our office has always followed strict infection control standards.

However, as you know COVID and the coronavirus pandemic has impacted many things.

Due to the nature of dental treatment causing aerosol water spray, we take our commitment to minimize any risk in contracting any virus in our office seriously.

### **To reduce your own transmission risks, we recommend:**

- using hand sanitizer when you enter our office and prior to leaving
- wearing a facemask in the office, other than in a dental treatment room. However, this is not a requirement

### **We have implemented the following strategies to reduce risks in our office:**

#### General Office:

- ❑ Front desk has been installed with plexiglass sneeze guards
- ❑ Markings on walls and floors and vertical barriers placed for movement through the office in one direction IN and around the office and OUT on the other side. You will be escorted through the treatment area with one of our staff members.
- ❑ Extra wipe down strategy created of all common areas and surfaces, such as common pens, door handles, waiting room chairs, etc.
- ❑ We will ask you some screening questions before your appointment to reduce transmission risks to others
- ❑ We will limit the number of visitors inside a treatment room. One adult will be allowed with a child and you will be asked not to move throughout the treatment area on your own.

#### Each dental treatment room has been:

- ❑ equipped with glass doors to keep your environment isolated and protected
- ❑ streamlined to reduce common touch surfaces between patients and use of disposable protective barriers
- ❑ HVAC tested to establish the Air Changes per Hour (ACH) per treatment room to ensure a schedule for clean air between patients
- ❑ equipped with a JADE “Surgically Clean Air” purifier with UV light sanitation.  
These air purifiers improve the air exchange rate after aerosol procedures, reducing the potential contamination. Each unit purifies 800 sq feet and our rooms are up to 140 sq ft so they are incredibly effective.

#### Our team:

- ❑ Strict team COVID-19 illness policy with easy access to home testing
- ❑ Each staff will wear at least a Level 1 mask for the day, around the office at all times
- ❑ Clinical providers wear high level PPE equipment with an N95 equivalent mask, gowns, face shields / goggles and bouffant caps

We have gone beyond the minimum requirements for everyone’s safety. Rest assured, all these procedures are designed to create the safest environment for you, other patients and our team.

