

A DENTAL CORPORATION

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Endodontic Associates Dental Group COVID-19 Specific Protocols

Scheduling:

- Prioritizing patients with pain, swelling or that are in the middle of treatment
- Phone screening patients for treatment including, but not limited to, a recent history of severe pain, swelling, tooth fracture or deep caries
- Having patients review and sign a COVID 19 specific consent form
- Verbally screening patients for COVID 19 symptoms including, but not limited to, cough, shortness of breath, fever and loss of smell or taste
- Require patients to fill out an online registration and health history prior to their appointment
- Patients screened for fever, COVID-19 symptoms, COVID-19 testing history and recent travel inquiries prior to entering dental treatment setting
- Scheduling patients with a 15-30 minute buffer and reconfiguring furniture in waiting area to allow for adequate social distancing between patients
- All persons entering the office are asked to wear facial coverings; we will provide surgical masks for those who cannot provide their own mask

Facility Modifications:

- Converting working operatories to a HEPA filter driven negative pressure room
- Ensuring strict adherence to infection control standards and implementing enhanced measures in operatories
- Scheduled and logged disinfection of common areas including, but not limited to, door handles, patient waiting areas and counters; counters disinfected after each patient interaction
- In addition to standard daily restroom sanitation it is frequently disinfected throughout the day
- Plexiglass Protective Barriers installed at patient check-in and check-out counters

Treatment Modifications:

- Wearing proper PPE including surgical caps, face shields, full length gowns, N95 rated masks, a surgical mask over the N95 mask and changing clothing and shoes prior to leaving the facility
- Administrative staff utilizing masks and gloves
- Screening/documenting doctors and employees for fever and COVID-19 symptoms at start and end of work day
- Measuring and documenting patient temperatures prior to them entering the dental treatment area
- Adhering to already established universal precautions for infection control
- Rubber dam isolation for all aerosol generating procedures
- Hi Vac suction during all aerosol generating procedures
- Placing long term temporary material or permanent restorations in completed teeth to prevent recontamination of the root canal system
- Recommending a definitive restoration, if required, once their general dentist is able