

A DENTAL CORPORATION

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Endodontic Associates Dental Group COVID-19 Specific Protocols

Scheduling:

- Prioritizing patient appointments based on pain, swelling or those whose treatment has not been completed
- 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 two days prior to appointment for COVID 19 symptoms including, but not limited to, cough, shortness of breath, fever, loss of smell or taste and recent travel history
- 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; A specific COVID-19 consent form is signed prior to treatment
- Scheduling patients with an adequate 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:

- Converted working operatories to a HEPA filter driven negative pressure room using Airscrubbers
- Ensuring strict adherence to infection control standards and implementing enhanced measures in operatories and throughout the office
- Scheduled and documented 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 if restoration appointment will be delayed
- Recommending a definitive restoration, if required, once the patient's general dentist is able