

# COVID 19 Precaution Protocols in Place

Our office infection protocols have always been quite stringent and we have continued with strict adherence to enhanced protocols since our reopening in June. We will be extending these operating procedures for the foreseeable future:

1. To reduce the number of people in the reception area, we ask that parents and family members wait in their cars during the patient's appointment.
2. Upon your arrival, please call the receptionist to announce your arrival. The patient can then enter and briefly wait in the reception area. An Assistant will greet you and, by health department recommendation, scan your temperature with a laser thermometer. These scans will continue until the public health recommendations are lifted.
3. A parent or guardian can enter, if requested, as long as proper social distancing requirements can be met at that particular moment. If desired, payments can be made on site, although mailed or "called in" payments are preferable. Similarly, scheduling appointment can be made on-site or preferably by phone.
4. Door handles, the reception desk and all dental delivery workstations will be disinfected for each patient.
5. Dr. Denison and the Assistants will be wearing masks. Two different types of masks will be utilized, depending on the procedure. Fluid and aerosol resistant masks will be worn during procedures that produce water droplets. Standard mask will be worn during "dry" wire adjustment procedures. Additionally, face shields will also be worn in accordance to procedures and preferences.
6. Toothbrushing sinks will also be disinfected regularly to prevent cross contamination.
7. The amount of patients in the treatment area will be reduced in order to adhere to proper social distancing protocols.
8. New patients and their parents will be scheduled to allow for maximum access to the reception area and a private treatment room to reduce social distancing concerns.
9. We kindly ask all non-patients and parents to wear a mask in the office until health department rules are lifted.
10. Dr. Denison strongly prefers meeting with prospective patients and parents directly as he considers it essential in developing a positive long-term relationship. Nevertheless, teleconferencing will be considered on a case-by-case basis.