



New Dental Practice Safety Measures During Coronavirus (COVID-19)

With the reopening of dental offices now occurring, new dental practice safety measures have been put into place to ensure the utmost safety for both you and the dental office's staff. So, until Coronavirus (COVID-19) is curbed, rest assured that while the dental office environment has changed, the same professional care remains.

Here's what to expect:



Before Your Appointment*:

- **You will be asked questions** before your visit to make sure you do not have any of the signs of Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- **Your temperature may be taken.**
- **In order to ensure social distancing,** the waiting area may be closed and you may be asked to wait outside, in your car, or in a hallway.
- **You may be asked to wash your hands** or there will be hand sanitizer for you when you enter the office.
- **The waiting area may look a little different.** There may be less furniture and reading materials will not be available. Other items such as tissues or pens will be removed. These measures will help keep the waiting area cleaner and safer.



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During Your Dental Visit:

- **Air purification.** You may see or hear HEPA air filtration systems or other air purifier systems that will help remove virus particles from the air to make the office safer.
- **You may need to use a mouth rinse before you begin your dental work.** The rinse may help to lower the risk of spreading COVID-19.
- **The dentist and office staff may be wearing more protective personal equipment (PPE) than before.** The staff will be wearing gloves, goggles, special masks (N95-rated masks), face shields, surgical caps, and shoe covers.

After Your Dental Visit*:

- **Office sterilization.** After each patient visit, the dental equipment and dental chair are thoroughly sterilized to ensure the next patient enters a clean and safe environment.

*Safety guidelines may vary from state to state.

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