

Hello Family! We miss you all and are excited to “begin” the process towards normalcy in the dental office. At the same time we know that “normal” may not happen for a long time and we are going to be adapting accordingly.

We have been working with the Washington state dental association and ADA and evaluating the situation and now feel confident that most dental procedures are safe and warranted. Of course, we want to take extra precautions and are actually going beyond what the WSDA is recommending, and most other dental offices are doing for extra safety. We are concerned about your care and our staff safety as well. Here is a partial list of how we are taking extra precautions:

- We will wear face shields to block extra aerosol from the patient
- For most restorative procedures suction devices (Isodry) will be placed in the patients mouth which continually pull aerosols in.
- We are requesting patients to use hand sanitizer as they enter and leave.
- We are asking patients to enter through the front of the building and leave out the back.
- We have infrared thermometers to check patient and staff temperatures (if covid numbers spike)
- We have purchased elective air filtration systems that use industrial suctioning to pull down aerosols from the operatory and filter out contaminants.
- We have electively hired Harris Biomedical consulting to audit our systems and offer advice on how to maintain safety.
- We may ask patients questions for health considerations before booking and may ask certain demographics to stay home for a period of time (medically compromised, elderly, etc).
- We may ask patients to wait outside if a line forms at the front and/or knock before entering the building.
- We have installed plexiglass barriers in the front office and in between operatories for separation.
- We may postpone certain parts of our cleanings if covid cases spike.
- We may postpone other restorative procedures that can be delayed safely as appropriate.
- WE allow patients to cancel without fee if they have any covid like symptoms or confirmed, asymptomatic cases. Please give 48 hours notice when possible. Note: non covid cancels will still receive a cancellation fee.
- Doing our best to stagger patients in operatories that are not adjacent next to each other.

Thank you and let us know if you have any questions!