

# CORONAVIRUS

With the recent pandemic we are doing even more to assure the safety of our patients and office team. We are following the infection control recommendations made by the American Dental Association (ADA), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Infection control has always been a top priority and we are continuing to do everything we can to be up to date on new rulings or guidance that may be issued.

The following are some of the things we are doing:

- We will communicate with you beforehand to ask some screening questions. When you arrive, we ask that you wait in your car and call us. One of our team members will greet you outside and ask the screening questions again (conditions can change in a couple days).
- In addition to our universal precautions, we use N95 face masks, face shields, and surgical gowns in all treatment rooms.
- A pre-procedural hydrogen peroxide rinse will be used to reduce bacteria.
- To keep you comfortable, you may want to bring a sweater. We anticipate cooling the office more due to our added surgical gowns.
- We are using DryShields in all rooms to reduce aerosols and better protect you.
- We have hand sanitizer for your use in our reception area and throughout the office.
- Our waiting area no longer has magazines, the Chicago Tribune, and coffee/tea/water since those items are difficult to clean and disinfect.
- We are scheduling more time for all appointments to reduce waiting times and to reduce the number of patients overlapping in the reception area.
- We have upgraded our HVAC systems with medical grade UV lights and HEPA filters to improve air quality.
- We will also have individual HEPA filtration units in each room that filter to 0.1 micron.
- Surfaces in each room are wiped down fully between patients with disinfecting wipes (that kill all viruses including the Coronavirus)

Please know we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe. If you have the signs or symptoms of Covid-19 (fever, cough, labored breathing, loss of taste, loss of smell) or if you have been near someone recently diagnosed with the coronavirus, please do not make an appointment until you have been cleared by a doctor.