

COVID-19 PANDEMIC DENTAL TREATMENT
NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK FORM

Our goal is to provide a safe environment for our patients and staff, and to advance the safety of our local community. This document provides Information we ask you acknowledge and understand regarding the COVID-19 virus.

The COVID-19 virus is a serious and highly contagious disease. The World Health Organization has classified it as a pandemic. You could contract COVID-19 from a variety of sources. Our practice wants to ensure you are aware of the additional risks of contracting COVID-19 associated with dental care.

The COVID-19 virus has a long incubation period. You or your healthcare providers may have the virus and not show symptoms and yet still be highly contagious. Determining who is infected by COVID-19 is challenging and complicated due to limited availability for virus testing.

Due to frequency and timing of visits by other dental patients, the characteristics of the virus, and the characteristics of dental procedures, there is an elevated risk of you contracting the virus simply by being in a dental office.

Dental procedures create water spray which is one way the disease is spread. The ultra-fine nature of the water spray can linger in the air for a long time, allowing for transmission of the COVID-19 virus to those nearby.

You cannot wear a protective mask over your mouth to prevent infection during treatment as your health care providers need access to your mouth to render care. This leaves you vulnerable to COVID-19 transmission while receiving dental treatment.

I confirm that I have read the Notice above and understand and accept that there is an increased risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus in the dental office or with dental treatment. I understand and accept the additional risk of contracting COVID-19 from contact with this office. I also acknowledge that I could contract the COVID-19 virus from outside this office and unrelated to my visit here.

I have read and understand the information stated above:

Signature

Date

Witness

A MESSAGE TO OUR PATIENTS:

Due to the extraordinary circumstances resulting from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost of personal protective equipment (PPE) has dramatically increased. PPE may include items such as face masks and shields, gloves, and gowns. Dentists and members of their teams use PPE to protect patients and themselves.

Please note: You will be charged for a portion of the increased cost of the personal protective equipment used for your appointment. Some, but not all, insurance companies may cover a portion of this cost. We will submit the PPE fee to your insurance company, but we cannot promise that they will cover it.

Thank you for your understanding during this very hard time.