

# Practice COVID-19 Measures

## Before Your Appointment

To help make sure that patients arriving for their appointments are healthy, we may call you before your appointment and ask you some questions about your current health. We may also repeat these questions when you arrive to make sure nothing has changed.

We ask that you limit the number of people you bring to the appointment. That could mean leaving your children at home or allowing older children to go into the office alone while a parent waits outside during their appointment.

## At Your Appointment

If your state or city is requiring people to wear masks in public, be sure to wear one to your appointment. When you arrive at the dental office, you may be asked to wait outside until we're ready for you. This will reduce the number of people in the office and reduce the amount of time you're close to other people. When you enter the office, you may have your temperature taken.

Inside the office, you may notice things people often touch in the waiting room – like toys or magazines – have been removed. We will have hand sanitizer available for you to use and may wipe down items you touch, such as pens, clipboards or furniture.

When you're in the dental chair, you may notice some things look different from the last time you were there. Some items will have protective or disposable covers, and our staff will be wearing PPE including masks, shields, gowns and goggles. These additional precautions help protect both you and the dentist.

## After Your Appointment

After your appointment is over, our staff will thoroughly clean the areas where you've been using disinfectants that are effective against the virus that causes COVID-19 to prepare for the next patient. This helps reduce the risk of illness being passed to others.

If you start feeling ill [with the symptoms of COVID-19](#) within two days of your appointment, please call us immediately. You may have already been carrying the virus at the time of your appointment, so anyone who came into contact with you during that time could be at risk for getting sick too.