

## COVID-19 OFFICE SAFETY PROTOCOL

***We know that you may have concerns with respect to the spread of COVID-19. We want to assure you that we have taken all the necessary precautions as your health and well-being are of utmost importance to us.***

***At Dr. Garcia's dental practice, we work hard every day to prevent the spread of infection. We adhere to strict FDA, CDC and FLDOH 'Universal Precautions' guidelines on a daily basis. Please know that while we already have stringent, well-established cleaning and disinfecting protocols in place, we are adding daily deep cleaning and disinfecting practices to highly sanitize all our operatories, restrooms, waiting room and office to keep our patients and staff safe and healthy.***

### ***In addition to disinfecting each operatory after each patient we now:***

- Sanitize and deep clean the waiting room and restrooms several times a day; wiping down chairs, doors, light switches, countertops and door handles with disinfecting wipes several times a day.
- Our front desk staff applies hand sanitizer after each patient and use disinfecting wipes to clean the check in and check out counters, pens and all office equipment after each patient.
- Staff have daily temperature checks and complete health screening questions to ensure our team is healthy and able to provide safe dental care every day.
- Our clinical staff changes into their work clothes at work and change back at the end of their shift.
- Our staff wear proper PPE equipment, protective gowns as well as N95 mask, a clinical mask, under an FDA approved face shield, ensuring triple protection at all times.
- Plexiglass dividers have been installed in our waiting room to minimize the spread of airborne particles.
- Patients are pre-screened prior to their appointments and answer health screening questions as well as have their temperature checked upon arrival.
- Patients are asked to use hospital grade hand sanitizer upon arrival and must wear a mask upon entering our office.
- Once taken to their operatory, patients will be asked to rinse for 1 minute with an antimicrobial rinse to reduce bacteria.
- We request that only the patient come for their appointments as no guests are allowed, unless the patient is in need of physical assistance.
- Medical Grade Air Purifiers (H13 Medical Grade HEPA) have been added in each operatory as well as in the office and waiting room to remove contaminants from the air, improving air quality.
- We utilize high speed evacuation to minimize aerosol contamination which improves the air quality.
- We have arranged the waiting room with fewer chairs to allow for 6' distancing, which we practice throughout the office.
- As always, we sanitize, wipe, and disinfect all instruments, surfaces and equipment in each operatory and after each and every patient.

***We want our patients to have peace of mind when scheduling their dental appointments with us and know that we are taking all the necessary steps and extra precautions to help keep you and our staff healthy. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us.***

***Dr. Richard J. Garcia and staff***