

# Infection Control Protocols for COVID-19

## Infection Control

Dentistry has led the healthcare industry in infection control long before COVID-19.

Infection control procedures are actions taken in health care settings to prevent the spread of disease. Outbreaks of Influenza, HIV, Hepatitis, and Tuberculosis in the past created a need for exceptional infection control protocols in the dental office. In fact, the dental office is the model health care setting for protocols that ensure patient safety.

Dr. Silvers cares about your health. She and her team work hard daily to prevent the spread of infection. Before you enter the treatment room all surfaces, such as the dental chair, dental light, drawer handles and countertops, have been cleaned and disinfected. Some items and equipment are covered with protective covers, which are replaced after each patient.

Non-disposable items like the dental instruments are cleaned and sterilized between patients. Disposable instruments and needles are never reused. Infection control precautions also require all dental team members involved in patient care to use appropriate protective equipment such as gloves, masks, gowns and protective eyewear. After each patient, disposable gloves and masks are thrown away. Before seeing the next patient, everyone on the treatment team washes their hands and puts on a new pair of gloves.

## Additional Safety Screening & Health Protocols

Additional screening protocols are in place to ensure the health and safety of our community.

Due to the highly infectious nature of COVID-19 Dr. Silvers and Team have completed advanced training and implemented additional standards which exceed recommended protocols.

- Air purification systems, site-of-origin aerosol controls, and additional protective coverings are in place to ensure maximum risk reduction.
- Dr. Silvers and Team are screened daily for COVID-19 symptoms. Additionally, we are observing social distancing protocols developed for our dental practice.
- As a patient, we require that you wear a face covering to your appointment. We will check your temperature and inquire about COVID-19 symptoms prior to your appointment.
- We are working hard to coordinate our schedule to reduce risk, respect your time, and minimize waiting.

Your well-being is important to Dr. Silvers and Team.  
That's why infection control procedures are in place here!