



Gulf Cove Dental COVID – 19 Related In-Office Safety Procedures

Our Team

Every team member will have their temperature taken and will fill out a health questionnaire before starting work for the day. Team members displaying symptoms of any illness, or who have been in contact with anyone displaying symptoms of illness, will be given time off as needed until it is determined they can safely return to work. Each member of our team has received training in techniques and the use of additional personal protective equipment designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, each member of our team has received training on how to implement social distancing in the dental clinic.

What to Expect Before Your Appointment:

Prior to your appointment, we will contact you to ask a series of questions designed to assess both your risk level for COVID – 19 as well as to screen you for any COVID – 19 symptoms or exposure. If you have any flu like symptoms, have recently traveled to high risk areas, or have been exposed to anyone infected by COVID – 19 within the past 2 weeks, we will have to reschedule your appointment.

What to Expect During Your Appointment:

To ensure your safety, our goal is to keep the number of people in the clinic to a minimum. Therefore, we are currently unable to allow companions to accompany patients to their appointments unless the patient is a minor child or requires assistance. If a companion is required, please choose someone who does not have increased risk factors for COVID – 19. For the protection of our team and other patients, companions will not be allowed in the dental operatories at this time.

We will be continuously wiping all surfaces, door handles, pens, and any other areas of concern with medical grade disinfecting wipes. All magazines are removed from our reception area.

We have adjusted our schedule to allow spacing between patient visits. This will eliminate patients sitting in the waiting room and, also the need for the doctor to move between two patients at the same time. To accommodate patients in a timely manner while allowing for appointment spacing, we will be extending our clinic hours as needed.

We will be checking your temperature and your companion's temperature, if you require one, upon your arrival. We will also review the COVID-19 screening questions with you.

We will be wearing additional Personal Protective Equipment during procedures that produce aerosols such as fillings and crowns. You can expect to see us adding face shields, N95 masks, surgical hats, and disposable gowns to our daily routine.

Our Commitment to Inform You:

While we have put forward an excellent plan to mitigate COVID – 19 risks for our patients and team, we cannot guarantee that someone will not become inadvertently exposed to the virus while in our clinic. If a recent patient or team member is diagnosed with COVID – 19, our protocol is to temporarily close the clinic for professional disinfecting, contact the County Health Department to report the infection and contact any patients who were present in the clinic during, or after the infected person was present.