

## **UPDATE:**

***As of May 4th, 2020, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has authorized continuance of essential dental and surgical procedures under compliance with strict infection control guidelines. Per their recommendations, Kikuchi Oral Surgery & Dental Implant Center will be implementing the following protocols:***

1. Pre-visit TELEPHONIC SCREENING and day of appointment questionnaire is will be conducted.
2. If you have TRAVELED out of the state in the past (2) WEEKS, you will be asked to postpone treatment.
3. We will obtain TEMPERATURES upon entering the treatment area. If your temperature is  $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$  you will be asked to postpone treatment
4. Likewise, if you have SYMPTOMS consistent with COVID- 19 (i.e., fever, cough, shortness of breath) you will be asked to postpone treatment.
5. Patients will be strongly encouraged to PRE-REGISTER ONLINE to reduce exposure time between the patient and the dental staff.
6. Only a parent or guardian of children or special needs adults are allowed to accompany patients to the office. Furthermore, only when it is imperative to patient management should the parent or guardian accompany the patient to the treatment area.
7. Dental facility common areas such as the lobby and driver's waiting room will have defined and marked social distancing placards.
8. Patients will be asked to wait in their cars or outside of the dental facility if social distancing is not possible in common areas.
9. All magazines, touch screen devices, charging ports and technology will NOT be available for communal use. All outside food and drinks, including our own coffee and snack bar will NOT be permitted at this time.

## **INFECTION CONTROL:**

1. Patients will be asked to wear a face-covering while in our facility at all times.
2. All staff members will likewise wear surgical or appropriate procedural masks while in the office.
3. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be utilized to adequately protect the team members and during surgical procedures.
4. All disposable PPE will be changed or disinfected between patients.
5. The office will be sanitized and disinfected in an enhanced manner by wiping down all surfaces between patient use, including chairs, cabinets, counter tops, door handles and monitors both in the clinic and in the waiting room.

6. Enhanced sanitization and disinfection also include focused attention to other areas of the office such as the entrances, waiting areas, check in, check out and restroom areas.
7. The office will thoroughly sterilize any instrument or item that comes in contact with a patient, and will be using single use disposable drapes, headrest covers, and light-handle covers.
8. Patients will rinse with an antiseptic solution before initiation of treatment.
9. Office employees and staff members will not come to work if displayed any COVID-19 symptoms.
10. Office employees will take every effort to minimize the transmission of viral particles to the general public by changing between scrubs and shoes to personal clothing when entering and exiting the surgical facility. Office attire will NOT be worn outside the office.

***Kikuchi Oral Surgery and Dental Implant Center will remain committed to maintain in accordance with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), American Dental Association (ADA), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and continue to update protocols and recommendations regarding COVID-19.***

***Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.***

