



PRECIOUS SMILE DENTAL & ORTHODONTICS

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Precious Smile Dental Hygiene Protocol

1. Employee must wash hands including wrists and forearms thoroughly with water and soap for at least one minute. The palmar and dorsal hand surfaces, the nails and the interdental areas have to be cleaned meticulously. Surgical masks have to be worn at all times in the clinic by all staff members. Masks may only be removed for drinking, eating etc. and only if no one else is in the same room or a distance of at least 6 feet can be maintained
2. All staff members with direct contact to patients must wear protective gear such as but not limited to surgical mask, goggles, gown at all times and gloves whenever close to a patient.
3. All surfaces in the operatories are cleaned meticulously with a surface disinfectant after the patient has left the room. This includes keyboards, telephones etc. Protective gear including gloves must be worn. After surface disinfection, the gloves are removed and the hand disinfection protocol has to be applied.
4. Office furniture disinfection will be performed at least every 60 minutes or after each patient.
5. All patients must use hand disinfection after entering the office. The body (head) temperature will be recorded for every patient. All patients are questioned for the following symptoms within the last 14 days: fever, cough, diarrhea, signs of a flu or cold, impairment of smell and taste, new medication, contact to persons with such symptoms or to people tested positive with COVID 19. The result of the questioning must be documented.
6. Patients have to maintain 6 feet distance to another. Only a limited number of patients is present in the office at all times. If too many patients come to the office at the same time they have to wait outside in their cars and are called in by cell phone. Only the patient and 1 parent (guardian) if the patient is minor are allowed to the operative room.
7. All door handles and surfaces in the clinic are swiped and disinfected after every patient contact.
8. All staff members who feel any signs of illness must report to the office immediately.