

Dear Patient:

We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. Our community has been through a lot over the last few months, and all of us are looking forward to resuming our normal habits and routines. While many things have changed, one thing has remained the same: our commitment to your safety.

Infection control has always been a top priority for our practice and you may have seen this during your visits to our office. Our infection control processes are made so that when you receive care, it's both safe and comfortable. Our office follows infection control recommendations made by the American Dental Association (ADA), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). We follow the activities of these agencies so that we are up-to-date on any new rulings or guidance that may be issued. We do this to make sure that our infection control procedures are current and adhere to each agencies' recommendations.

You may see some changes when it is time for your next appointment. We made these changes to help protect our patients and staff. For example:

- Our office will communicate with you beforehand to ask some screening questions. You'll be asked those same questions again when you arrive at the office.
- **Please brush and floss at home**, prior to your appointment, there will no longer be access to the office brushing station.
- We ask that when you arrive for your appointment that you **stay in your car and call our office**.
- We ask that you **please wear a mask** into the office. You will be asked to remove the mask for your appointment and then wear the mask as you leave the office.
- We have hand sanitizer that we will ask you to use when you enter the office. You will be provided with Peroxyl Mouthwash to cleanse your mouth during your appointment.
- Appointments will be managed to allow for social distancing between patients. That might mean that you're offered fewer options for scheduling your appointment.
- We will do our best to allow greater time between patients to reduce waiting times for you, as well as to reduce the number of patients in the office at any one time.
- **Please print and sign the attached COVID-19 Supplemental Informed Consent and Health Questionnaire and bring to your next appointment. We can not continue treatment without these signed by the patient, parent or guardian.**

We look forward to seeing you again and are happy to answer any questions you may have about the steps we take to keep you, and every patient, safe in our practice.

Thank you for being our patient. We value your trust and loyalty and look forward to welcoming back our patients, neighbors and friends.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lindsey Schilling and Team

AAOIC SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

If you have been exposed to a communicable disease, you may spread the disease to the orthodontist, orthodontic staff, or other patients/parents in the practice. Therefore, prior to each appointment, we will be asking the following questions to reduce the chances of transmission:

Have you, your child, or others accompanying you to today's appointment or other recent acquaintances tested positive for or been diagnosed as having COVID-19 or any other communicable disease?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, when? Date _____

Do you, your child, or others accompanying you to today's appointment or other recent acquaintances have:

- A Fever (defined as above 99.6 degrees) Yes _____ No _____
- A Cough? Yes _____ No _____
- Shortness of Breath and/or Trouble Breathing? Yes _____ No _____
- Persistent Pain, Pressure, or Tightness in the Chest? Yes _____ No _____

I understand that if the answer to any of these questions is yes, I will be asked to reschedule today's orthodontic appointment.

Patient/Parent's Signature

Date

AAOIC SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMED CONSENT
Orthodontic Treatment in the Era of COVID-19

Thank you for your continued trust in our practice. As with the transmission of any communicable disease like a cold or the flu, you may be exposed to COVID-19, also known as "Coronavirus," at any time or in any place. Be assured that we have always followed state and federal regulations and recommended universal personal protection and disinfection protocols to limit transmission of all diseases in our office and continue to do so.

Despite our careful attention to sterilization, disinfection, and use of personal barriers, there is still a chance that you could be exposed to an illness in our office, just as you might be at your gym, grocery store, or favorite restaurant. "Social Distancing" nationwide has reduced the transmission of the Coronavirus. Although we have taken measures to provide social distancing in our practice, due to the nature of the procedures we provide, it is not possible to maintain social distancing between the patient, orthodontist, orthodontic staff and sometimes other patients at all times.

Although exposure is unlikely, do you accept the risk and consent to treatment?

Yes _____ No _____

Patient/Parent's Signature

Date