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Happy April from Junction Dental!

I wanted to provide reassurance and an update from our office regarding dental care in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic in our region. We welcome all new and returning patients to our practice and provide a safe comfortable, environment for you.

Governor Inslee announced on 03/11/21 updated restrictions to specific businesses and social gatherings. As part of "Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery" the entire state of WA would move to Phase 3 on March 22nd. We have seen a positive movement toward a safer environment throughout our state and region.

Solid data supports our patients' need to seek and receive dental care in a safe manner at our office which follows 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).

Additionally, the American Dental Association has stated, ***"To date, according to the CDC, there has been no documented transmission of COVID-19 in a clinical dental setting. Additionally, a study published in The Journal of the American Dental Association found the prevalence of COVID-19 among dentists to be less than one percent."***

Please review the following recommended COVID-19 precautions we ask each patient to follow prior to your appointment:

1. Fill out or update our online **Patient Information & Medical / Dental History** forms **PRIOR** to arrival (please use a laptop or desktop computer)
2. Fill out **COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire via** text reminder sent 1hr prior to appointment
3. Call or text when you arrive at our building and we will notify you when to enter the office

The following are additional COVID-19 safety measures you will see in our office:

- **MEDIFY Air filters** in ALL treatment rooms and common areas (H13 HEPA filters)
- Convenient hand sanitizer & hand washing station access throughout

- Contactless temperature screening for staff (daily) & patients
- Front door open so hand contact is limited
- Removal of materials from lobby such as magazines, children's toys, etc.
- Appointments will be managed to allow for social/physical distancing between patients
- Contactless payment options
- iPad (freshly cleaned / covered) is available at our office for filling out forms on-site as a backup option

We ask that you notify our practice, if you, a family member, or your escort to your appointment have traveled by plane recently, have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are experiencing symptoms such as Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath and Fatigue. Please call us to postpone or reschedule your appointment for a future date if you meet any of those criteria.

Additionally, we ask that only the person/people necessary for your appointment come to your appointment. In an effort to maintain an appropriate social/physical distance, we ask that any additional family members not be present at your dental appointment unless reasonably necessary.

We look forward to seeing you again and are happy to answer any questions you may have about the steps we are taking to keep you, and every patient, safe in our practice. To change/make an appointment, please contact our office:

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The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us all. It's demanded we adapt and keep moving forward as a community. We value your support, trust and loyalty and look forward to welcoming you back. Thank you and we'll see you soon!

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Dr. Iversen and the team at Junction Dental