

## Infection Control

This information is provided to inform you about measures we have taken in our office to reduce the chances of cross-contamination of disease from patient to patient. You will note numerous areas of prevention you may not have seen before. Included among them are:

1. **Facemasks:** All our clinical personnel wear facemasks during active patient care. These physical barriers assist in reducing the spread of organisms from person to person.
2. **Gloves:** New rubber gloves are worn for every patient. These gloves assure you of no contamination from other patients.
3. **Disinfection Of Counters And Other Surfaces:** You may notice a mild chemical odor associated with wiping surfaces. These chemicals are necessary to disinfect surfaces that are touched during patient treatment.
4. **Items Attached To Dental Operating Units:** Handpieces, air blowers, suction equipment, etc. are sterilized by a combination of heat and chemicals.
5. **Barriers:** Plastic or rubber is placed on chairs, switches, etc. for each new patient.
6. **Instruments:** All metal instruments placed in your mouth have been sterilized by a combination of heat and chemicals.

We assure you that every precaution is being taken to avoid any cross-contamination from patient to patient. We welcome your suggestions.

Thank you.

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