

COVID-19

Patient Care and Office Preparedness

In recent months many things have changed in regards to our personal and professional interactions. We here at Desert Mountain Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, want to let you, our patients and friends, know that we take this very seriously. The safety and health of our patients, staff, and anyone that interacts with our office is of the utmost importance to us. To this end, we have put in place precautions to protect you from the time you enter our office until you leave. As an appointment is scheduled, patients are asked screening questions in regards to signs and symptoms of the coronavirus, testing that has been done or is planned, and any possibility of exposure; travel, hospital visits, contact with anyone who has been exposed. At the initial appointment, a COVID-19 questionnaire is filled out and a temperature taken to gather baseline information. Appointment times have been lengthened, the number of appointments during the day are fewer, and rides are asked to wait in the car if possible. This allows us to practice social distancing in the waiting area. The waiting area, to include all surfaces, seating areas, coffee area, pens, clip boards, etc., is continuously wiped down with disinfectant. There is also medical grade hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes available for personal use. As always, we practice universal precautions regarding the treatment rooms. The rooms, all surfaces, chairs, pens, clipboards, monitoring equipment, etc., are all disinfected with Cavicide before and after each patient. All surgical instrumentation is sterilized using an autoclave. Many items we use are "one use" only and disposed. Hand washing is constant and of course we use personal protective equipment; appropriate masks, gloves, gowns, eye protection. We are constantly receiving information and recommendations from the CDC, New Mexico Department of Health, American Dental Association, and American Association of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery. We will continuously adapt and employ new recommendations and practices to ensure your safety. We sincerely thank you for your patronage and confidence.