Safety Measures in our Dental Practice

1 Training and Educating Our Team

One of the most important things we are doing during this time is to train and educate our staff.

- ❖ Our team has had refresher training in proper hand washing techniques. This may seem basic; however, it is the most important thing we can do to prevent spread of the virus yet research shows that it is often poorly complied with and usually not done well. Consequently, we have spent a lot of time ensuring that our team does it well and often, especially before and after every patient encounter.

- ❖ They have practiced the appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) prior to caring for a patient to prevent contamination.

- ❖ We encourage our team member that is not feeling well to proactively stay home for two weeks (We have a backup team if someone is ill).

- ❖ We have everyone in the office take their temperature at the beginning of every day and we will immediately send home anyone with an elevated temperature (100.2 F and above).

- ❖ Limit the numbers of staff providing their care to facilitate social distancing within the office and among team members

- ❖ We screen all patients prior to their appointments also the day of the appointment by the protocol set from American Dental Association

- ❖ We review everyone's health history to make sure to appoint patients with weaker immune system at a different timing than others, depending on the treatment needed, mainly emergency or essential services for those patients not elective procedures. That could change accordingly to new recommendations by the ADA.

- ❖ We now have powerful air purification system in our office to be able to clean the air and filter particles down to 0.06 microns by using UltraHepa filter and Dual Action Carbon/GasTrap/Voc Filter

- ❖ We have created a specific checklist of recommendations for our team to follow so that they arrive to work healthy and go home to their families without worry. (see Checklist of Recommendations for Our Team) Dr. Ben Yaghmai