



# OKAMOTO DENTISTRY

## PASADENA MODERN DENTAL

June 2021

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT DENTISTRY THROUGH THE COMPREHENSIVE CARE OF OUR PATIENTS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE

### Changes in Office

During your next visit, you will notice some changes in the office! We have created a reception room inside our office for our patients in effort to minimize exposure with other patients in the shared reception area outside. We have hyper HEPA filtration in the reception area and in every treatment room. We have also created more space in the dental operatories by removing a cabinet on one side. This allows easier access in and out of the chair for the patient. On the walls we have installed large computer monitors, so that the x-rays and photos can be displayed and reviewed clearly with the patient. We have also added some accent walls to match our new dental chairs. As always, we strive to make your dental experience as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.



#### Doctors

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#### Hours

Mondays 7am to 5pm  
Tuesdays 7am to 5pm  
Wednesdays 7am to 5pm  
Thursdays 8am to 5pm  
Fridays 7am to 1:30pm

### Get Vaccinated

Everyone 12 and older is eligible for a Covid 19 vaccine. Currently there is only one vaccine, Pfizer, authorized for use down to age 12. It will be important when making an appointment to select a location where the Pfizer vaccine is offered. The vaccines are not yet available for children under 12. We are encouraging all patients, who are eligible, to get vaccinated.

If you would like more information on the vaccination process you can visit:

[www.vaccinateLACounty.com](http://www.vaccinateLACounty.com)

Additional resources to schedule vaccination: <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

**For a full list of sites across the county offering Pfizer vaccines, please visit <http://bit.ly/PfizerSites>.**

Schedule by phone: (833) 422-4255

## Masks Are Still Required Indoors for Everyone

We continue to follow and stay up to date on the guidelines that have been prepared by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Dental Association (ADA), California Dental Association (CDA), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). As of today, the rates of COVID-19 hospitalization and positive tests have been declining steadily.

Always check with trusted sources for the latest accurate information about novel coronavirus:

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

California Department of Public Health

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

LA County residents can also call 2-1-1

City of Pasadena Department of Public Health

[Order To Comply with the California Department of Public Health Blueprint For A Safer Economy – Yellow Tier](#) Rev. 05/04/2021

Unvaccinated as well as fully-vaccinated people should continue to follow Centers for Page 4 of 5 Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance to protect themselves and others, including wearing a well-fitted mask, physical distancing (at least 6 feet), avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands often, and following any applicable workplace, school, or business sector guidance.

## COVID-19 not detected in dental aerosols

A new study out of Ohio State University university found,

“Even when low levels of the SARS-CoV-2 virus were detected in the saliva of asymptomatic patients, the aerosols generated during their procedures showed no signs of the coronavirus.”

This suggests that the risk of COVID-19 transmission during dental treatments is very low.

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