

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



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The team at Okamoto Dentistry hopes that you are continuing to remain safe and healthy. A warm thank you to all our wonderful patients that have been able to come in to see us for scheduled treatment or to catch up on delayed treatment.

We remain diligent in the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and infection control at our office, so that all employees and patients have a safe environment to give and receive dental health care.

If you have visited our office recently, you may have noticed a big difference as we have installed plexiglass and plastic barriers to separate spaces and reduce the amount of air flowing between areas. We have installed Health Grade HEPA filtration units in each room and in the front office. A Hypochlorous Acid Solution is used in our fogger and in the portable misting cans to disinfect the rooms. Hypochlorous Acid Solution has been tested to kill coronavirus and is lethal to all known dangerous bacteria and viruses. The surfaces in the rooms are covered with barriers where needed and are thoroughly cleaned between each patient with disinfectant graded for killing viruses and bacteria.

Our PPE consists of scrubs and shoes that we change into when arriving at the office and are left at the office to be laundered. Eye protection and face shields are used. KN95 and N95 masks are used and disinfected with UV and a dry heat oven after every patient. During any procedure that can create splash or aerosol, surgical masks or plastic 3D printed masks are used to cover and protect the N95 masks. The 3D printed masks, face shields, and eyewear are disinfected after each patient, and the surgical masks are thrown away. Surgical gowns are also donned during aerosol generating procedures. The gowns are used in the room for only one patient and discarded in the soiled gown bins in each room. These gowns are collected at the end of the day to be laundered.

Our patients arrive at the office wearing a face covering over the nose and mouth. Upon arrival at the office, each patient uses hand sanitizer and we scan body temperature, take oxygen saturation levels, and ask the COVID questions again just to make sure there are no unidentified issues. Upon entering the treatment room, each patient will use hand sanitizer or soap and water to wash hands again. A one-minute pre-treatment rinse of Peroxyl is given to each patient to decrease bacteria and virus prevalence in the mouth. At the end of the appointment, the patient will replace the face covering and wash or hand sanitize again before returning to the front desk to check out.

If for some reason you are unable to return to the office for your regular dental care, we recommend that you are diligent with your home care. Always wash your hands before you begin your home dental care routine. Brush and floss at least two times a day and continue to use any dental aids that your hygienist or dentist has recommended. Good oral hygiene is important for your overall systemic health.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the office. We look forward to seeing you again and are happy to answer any questions you may have about the steps we take to keep you, and every patient, safe in our practice. Thank you for being our patient. We value your trust and loyalty and look forward to welcoming you back.

New Online Forms

We have changed most of our forms to be sent with text or email and sent back to us on a secure email server. We send out COVID screening links with the text or email appointment confirmations, or we call a day before an appointment to make sure that we can screen people before arriving at the office. The appointments have been spaced out to accommodate for social distancing and reduce wait times in the reception area.

Why do we ask for your MEDICAL INSURANCE?

You may be asked for your MEDICAL INSURANCE CARD. We have found out that if our patients have PPO insurance, we can bill for the COVID Screening procedures with no cost to the patient. This has given us an opportunity to have a revenue source to pay for the additional protections we have put in place and the additional cost of the PPE.

Guidelines

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. Up-to-date information is available on the LA county department of public health website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/data/index.htm>