

To ensure the safety and protection of our patients, staff and other patients in our office we are making changes to our Infection Control Protocols and Procedures following the latest guidelines issued by the CDC, ADA, OSHA and Maryland Department of Health. Here are a few important steps we are taking:



1 **PRE-APPOINTMENT HEALTH SCREENING PROCESS:**

If you are new to StarBrite Dental, prior to your appointment one of our staff members will contact you to complete an updated health screening form to ensure their immunity and safety.



2 **WHEN YOU ARRIVE:**

To protect community spread and social distancing we are asking patients to wait in the car until their appointment time so that the waiting room is not crowded. We will call/text when you can come in. This will allow us to keep the waiting area clear and to maintain social distancing between patients. We expect only the patient to come in for the appointment and will allow one additional person if needed (IE parent/guardian). Please no food or beverages in the office.



3 **TEMPERATURE CHECK AND MASKS:**

Patients' temperature will be checked with a touchless thermometer as soon as they come in and patients are always requested to wear a mouth mask except when they are in the dental chair. Patients will be expected to complete screening forms in office to keep everyone safe.



4 **DISINFECTION AND STERILIZATION:**

All waiting room and front desk materials have been removed and we are disinfecting them with CDC recommended surface disinfectants. The operatories are being disinfected after each patient and all instruments sanitized and surface barriers used as usual. We are allowing for extra time between patients so we can be as thorough as possible. We have placed sanitizers at multiple locations and encourage our patients and staff to use them and/or wash hands with soap.



5 **AIR PURIFIERS & AEROSOL REDUCTION:**

We have invested in the Airpura UV600 HEPA Air Purifier to reduce the aerosol produced in dental offices to protect our patients and staff. The UV Light component and its Air Purifying component destroy biological contaminants and the air purifier can clean the air of allergens, odors and outgassing chemicals in spaces up to 1500 square feet.



6 **PPE AND STAFF:**

You will find the staff wearing PPE according to the new guidelines by the CDC and OSHA. Temperatures will be recorded for each staff member twice a day and monitored for any symptoms. This is to protect the community from any spread.



7 **PRE-PROCEDURAL AND PROCEDURAL PRECAUTIONS:**

Patients will be asked to rinse their mouth with an antimicrobial rinse and wash hands with soap/use sanitizer before being seated in the dental chair. Eye protection will be given as usual. We will evaluate for any inflammation in your mouth with a detailed oral health exam and provide you with a comprehensive plan to reduce the inflammation and as a result reduce some acute or chronic diseases.

