

The office is currently closed to all regular appointments. We are open for emergency appointments only. Please call 715-574-6065 if you have an emergency occur. Once we reestablish regular appointments, we will still need to follow the protocol below.

In response to the worldwide pandemic of the Corona virus, effective March 16, 2020, the following measures will be implemented. Due to the small size of our reception area it is not possible for people to be able to maintain a six feet social distance from others as recommended by the CDC.

Parents, siblings and other family members are asked to remain in their cars during the patient's appointment or to drop off the patient and return to the parking area at the expected end of the appointment.

At the end of the appointment, the patient can call their family from the office and schedule an appointment on the phone with the family members remaining in the car, or an appointment can be made later by phone or email. Any questions that family members may have can be addressed by phone or email.

After the patient arrives, they should check in at the front desk and proceed to the tooth brushing area where they should **wash their hands and THEN brush their teeth**. They may then enter the treatment area where we will take their temperature with a scanning (no touch) thermometer. **Any patient exhibiting a fever will be sent home immediately without being seen further.**

All patients who are showing any symptoms of fever, tiredness, respiratory symptoms, cough, sore throat are asked to NOT come to their appointments and reschedule. If you are sick do NOT come to your appointment but call to reschedule.

Failure to abide by these measures by patients and their families may result in not being seen and having appointments rescheduled. We are asking for your cooperation in these measures so that we may continue to serve you and continue orthodontic treatment of our patients with as

little risk of spreading the corona virus as possible. Controlling the spread of the corona virus requires an all out effort from all of us to keep our community healthy. With your help we can reduce the risk of infection to our families, friends and neighbors.

According to the Mayo Clinic, there are preventative measures you can take to protect yourself and our community:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth if your hands aren't clean.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick.
- Clean surfaces you often touch.
- Stay home from work, school and public areas if you're sick.

While many Covid-19 infections may be mild, we want to put forth our best efforts to protect our vulnerable community members by decreasing the spread of any infection. Most people visiting Associated Orthodontists are healthy and able bodied, but we don't want to spread any infection to those who are more at risk. Also, by slowing the rate of infection we can decrease the burden put on our hospitals and doctors. We care about our community and want to do all we can to keep everyone safe.

This sort of event can really highlight the humanity we all share and the caring we can show for one another as a community. If you have any questions, feel free to call our office. Thank you for taking precautions and taking care of yourself and others in doing so.

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