

# WHAT WE ARE DOING TO ENSURE PATIENT AND TEAM SAFETY

## Patient AND Team COVID-19 screening and temperature

- Every patient that enters our practice is screened for symptoms and elevated temperature before they even enter the clinical area. If they are a risk, they are asked to leave the office immediately and the area is disinfected. At our morning meeting, we do the same thing for every team member.

## Limiting Reception Area Seating to allow Social Distancing

- We have limited the seating in the reception area to 4 chairs to allow for 6-foot social distancing.
- No magazines or other reading material are in the reception area and the watercooler is currently disabled.



## Requiring Patients to wear Masks

- We are requiring all people that enter the building to wear a mask. We have cloth masks to loan to you that are sanitized daily if you do not have one of your own when you enter.

## Glass Enclosure to protect Team and Patients

- We have installed a glass enclosure in the front office area to act as a barrier to prevent the spread of airborne aerosol from us to you and from you to us as well!

## Handwashing for ALL Patients and Team

- We take handwashing very seriously. We ask that ALL patients wash their hands before entering the clinical area and we will in turn wash our hands in front of them! We have also provided hand sanitizer for patient use.



## Hourly disinfection of doorknobs and commonly touched surfaces

- Our team wipes down everything that has been in contact with a patient and hourly goes through the office disinfecting door handles and other commonly touched surfaces.

## The Highest level in Personal Protective Equipment

- For each surgery patient, we have the latest in Level 3, KN95 and N95 surgical masks. We are also utilizing face shields, eye protection and surgical gowns. For examinations and visits that will not create an aerosol, we incorporate the same protections without the need for a face shield and gown.





## Daily Hypochlorous Acid (HOCL) Fogging

- HOCl is the scientific formula for hypochlorous acid, a weak acid similar to that of a mild citrus juice. It is made naturally by white blood cells in all mammals for healing and protection. HOCl is a powerful oxidant that is effective against invading bacteria, fungi, and viruses. Generating HOCl by running electricity through a solution of saltwater was discovered in the 1970s. HOCl is now used in healthcare, food safety, water treatment, and general sanitation. We are using a fogger to sanitize the whole office at the end of each workday.

## TRUE HEPA Filtration in EVERY Treatment Room

- TRUE HEPA air filtration has been shown to filter out any airborne particles with a size of 0.3 microns ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) or more. The filters we have installed clean all the air in room 5 TIMES in 1 hour. This is the same level of filtration that is in a N95 mask!



## Whole Office HVAC Air Disinfection with iWave-R



- With technology installed in over 100,000 applications, iWave-R is the world's first self-cleaning, no maintenance needlepoint bi-polar ionization generator designed specifically for treating air in duct A/C systems. As the air flows past the iWave-R, positive and negative ions actively purify the supply air, killing mold, bacteria and viruses in the coil and living space. The ionization process also reduces allergens, smoke, and static electricity, as well as controlling odors (cooking, pet, VOCs) and other particles (no more sunbeams) in the air without creating ozone or any harmful byproducts.

## Latest Advances in Disinfection and Sterilization of Instruments

- We have always insured our patient's safety by only using FDA and CDC approved disinfectants to clean all rooms and worksurfaces between patients. All instruments are heat sterilized to ensure your safety.





My patient's and my team's safety are my number one concern. We are going above and beyond to keep you safe. Thank you for choosing our office!

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