



As of Wednesday morning, March 18, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment have recommended all routine dental care be deferred until further notice in order to slow the transmission of COVID-19 throughout our community.

Our front desk will maintain regular office hours; however, patient care hours may be shortened as we are suspending non-essential and non-urgent appointments at this time.

When patients come to our office this is what they can expect from our team:

- We will evaluate patients with a detailed questionnaire/conversation prior to treatment about flu-like symptoms, travel abroad for self and family/friends, and use a temporal thermometer to take their temperature.
- Following KDHE self-quarantine guidelines we will postpone all treatment for fourteen days for all patients who have:
 - Traveled to a state with known widespread community transmission (currently California, New York, and Washington state) on or after March 15.
 - Visited Eagle, Summit, Pitkin, and Gunnison counties in Colorado within the past week.
 - Traveled on a cruise ship on or after March 15. Also people who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine.
 - Traveled internationally on or after March 15. Also people who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine.
- Use of rubber dam isolation and high volume suction to limit aerosol in treatment procedures.
- Use of 1% hydrogen peroxide rinse prior to examination of the oral cavity by the patient to reduce microbial load.
- Consider having patients wait in their cars instead of the waiting areas to prevent inadvertent spread of the virus (call patient when surgical area is ready for treatment).
- Consider staggering appointment times to reduce waiting room exposure.
- Limit access to waiting room use to only patients. Accompanying individuals have to wait in their respective transportation.
- Remove all magazines, toys, etc. from the waiting area to prevent contamination.

If you have any questions, please reach out - we are here for you.