

## Updated Infection Control Guidelines at Colonial Dental Group, Ltd.

Infection control has always been a top priority for our practice and you may have seen this during your visits to our office. Our infection control processes are made so that when you receive care, it's both safe and comfortable. We want to tell you about the infection control procedures we follow in our practice to keep patients and staff safe.

Our office follows infection control recommendations made by the American Dental Association (ADA), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). We follow the activities of these agencies and have been updating our procedures as new information is released.

You will see some of these changes when you come to our office for our next visit.

We have always been able to spend more time with every patient and have been able to use the **highest quality products available for procedures (including infection control products) throughout our office. We don't want that to change.** Sometimes when you are waiting for your appointment and wondering "what is going on back there", please know that it is because we often have 2 team members cleaning and disinfecting the room you will be entering. That room needs to be protected for you as a patient and also for your hygienist, doctor and assistant. If we are not well, we can't provide the exceptional dentistry that you expect from us.

That being said, given all the new equipment that we have had to procure to see patients including air purifiers, hand held thermometers, UV light sterilization, fluid resistant jackets and lab coats, disposable gowns, face shields, additional cleaning supplies and materials, as well as upgraded masks we will now be adding a PPE fee to each visit.

Please don't hesitate to call us before your visit if you have any questions regarding our financial policies in the office.