

Protecting Our Patients

In Case You Were Wondering....

In today's world, it is only sensible to be concerned about cleanliness and sterility when seeking dental care. We want you to know what we do to protect you and our other patients from infectious diseases. Our sterility program includes all the protective measures recommended by the Center For Disease Control (OSHA) and the American Dental Association. Therefore, we do the following:

- 1) Wear gloves, masks, and protective eye wear
- 2) Wash our hands with special soaps before and after treating each patient
- 3) Change our gloves after each patient
- 4) Sterilize all dental instruments and handpieces after each use
- 5) Regularly use bacteriological monitor to verify that our sterilizers are working
- 6) Clean and disinfect all surfaces and equipment in the treatment room between patients
- 7) Use disposable products to eliminate the possibility of cross infection
- 8) Handle all disposable materials according to federal, state, and local guidelines

In fact our office was following these precautions years before they were recommended or required by government agencies.

How You Can Feel Safe That Everything Is Being Done To Protect You

According to all leading authorities, the risks of contacting serious infectious diseases during a dental visit are extremely remote. However, it is right to be concerned, and to ask questions to protect and reassure yourself. Due to the measures we take to eliminate disease transmission, you can feel confident both in coming here and in referring your family and friends to us.

If you have any questions regarding our infection control measures, please ask myself or any staff members. We will be happy to explain all our procedures and safeguards.

When you visit our office, you can feel confident that your health and ours are protected.

Sincerely,

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