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To All My Valued Patients,

I recognize that this is a time of uncertainty with the evolving COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak and I wanted you to be informed of what steps we are taking in my office to alleviate some of your concerns.

When I relocated my practice last year, my primary focus was on the custom sterilization center that is the centerpiece of my working area. This sterilization center is very high- tech and following CDC protocol creates a safe, consistent process that streamlines the flow of materials. There are specified areas for cleaning, preparation, packaging, sterilization, and storage. The next time you are in the office, I invite you to come see this process in action.

As far as the individual exam rooms, all instruments are sterilized and prophy angles, suction tips, needles, etc. are disposed of in biohazardous waste containers. All surfaces are cleaned with a surface disinfectant decontaminant cleaner that is a multi-purpose cleaner used in surgical suites, hospitals, and dental operatories. For those that use nitrous oxide (laughing gas), we use single-use disposable masks and tubing. All dental personnel use ASTM Level 3 masks and disposable gloves in the exam rooms. Door handles, waiting room, and restrooms are regularly disinfected with this same disinfectant decontaminant product. We routinely do all of these precautions for the safety of the patient and the dental team.

In turn, you can help us by doing your part. As recommended by the CDC, if you have flu, cold-like symptoms, cough, fever, shortness of breath, or if you have traveled to a CDC level III designated area, or had exposure to someone confirmed with COVID-19, please call your health care professional and postpone any dental treatment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me personally or talk to any of my outstanding dental professionals that I have the honor to work with.

Yours in Good Health,

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