



MORNINGSIDE PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS
in regards to COVID-19
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Even before the pandemic our practice followed all OSHA, CDC, Federal and State regulations to ensure the safety of our patients and staff. We will continue to follow these guidelines. This will include:

- Using germicides to disinfect surfaces and sterilization of critical and semi-critical instruments.
- Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment will be worn by all staff.

Our COVID-19 protocols will be implemented during times of high risk.

Risk Levels will be determined by : CovidActNow

During LOW/MEDIUM risk:

- Waiting room is open to patients and their families
- Completing required paperwork online is encouraged
- If a patient has been sick, they need to have shown 24 hours symptom-free. (Flu, Fever, Stomach Illness); Cough/Cold must show significant improvement. If we notice a child is visibly sick or symptomatic, we will need to reschedule.
- We request that you inform the office if anyone in your household is exposed to COVID-19 or develops symptoms of illness, such as: fever, cough, congestion, diarrhea, fatigue, within 10 days of your appointment
- HEPA filtration with increase air changes will continue in aerosol generating areas
- Patients will be seen six feet apart but possibly in shared spaces.

During HIGH risk:

- We request that you inform the office if anyone in your household is exposed to COVID-19 or develops symptoms of illness, such as: fever, cough, congestion, diarrhea, fatigue, within 10 days of your appointment.
- Please do not bring any additional people to the appointment other than the patient(s) and one parent/guardian.
- Please have a parent/guardian come into the office to checkin. The adult or guardian may wait outside or in their car on the premises, or accompany younger patient in the clinic area. The waiting room is closed.
- We request everyone to wear a mask. Please bring your own and ensure it covers your nose and mouth securely at all times. Adults will NOT be allowed into the office without a proper mask.
- Each patient will have:
 - a temperature screening
 - an antimicrobial mouth-rinse

- wash hands before/after appointment