



Southern Minnesota
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SAFETY INFORMATION

Dear Patients of Southern Minnesota Periodontics & Dental Implants,

We want to thank each of you for being patient during these challenging and changing times. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how dental practices will be able to provide care. Our goal has always been and will continue to be the health, safety, and wellbeing of our patients. Our office follows the 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).

Following all recommendations, during the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, we have taken the steps below to ensure the safety of our patients and staff.

- **Virtual Lobby** – We will practice limited use of our reception area. We ask that patients call 507-345-7537 upon arrival in the parking lot to check in for your scheduled appointment.
- **Screening** – We will screen each patient with general health questions, and some specific to COVID-19 symptoms (cough, sore throat, aches) as well as inquiries about recent travel and exposure risk/history. At your appointment start time, an assistant will come to your vehicle to take your temperature before entering the building. Those with elevated temperatures will make arrangements to visit the office another time.
- **Practice Personnel Screening** – Each team member will be screened for elevated temperatures and any other symptoms or signs of illness daily.
- **Masks/Face Coverings**- As required by the CDC, masks or facial coverings must be worn by everyone entering our office including to and from treatment rooms.
- **Social Distancing** – We've expanded appointment times to limit the number of people in the office at any given time and reduce exposure. We ask that any family members remain outside the office.
- **Mouth rinse** – Southern Minnesota Periodontics & Dental Implants is taking the extra step of providing a peroxide-based mouth rinse for patients to use before treatment.
- **Standards** – We use industry recommended gloves, masks, gowns, shields and strictly adhere to hand hygiene, surface cleaning and sterilization protocols for your safety.
- **Transportation Escort**- Please let your surgical escort know they will need to remain on the property during your surgery. We will need a working cell phone number for them as we will be going over post care instructions. We ask that your escort remain in the car for the duration of any surgery. They will be called once surgery is completed.

We have been working hard to ensure that our safety measures remain in place and continue to evolve as more necessary, in the interest of providing the highest level of patient care possible. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions. We'd be happy to provide additional information.

We look forward to continuing to provide your dental needs in a comfortable, safe environment.
Thank you!

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