



An important message to our patients and their families regarding COVID-19

As of today, the Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) has made some recommendations for our profession which we will be following. Some of these recommendations are listed below:

We will see patients to address any emergencies they may have.

As is always recommended, if you are sick, have a fever or any flu like symptoms, please call our office to reschedule your appointment.

At this time, please limit the number of people brought into our office to limit crowding in the waiting room.

We will be asking patients to wash their hands in the office before their appointments.

We have always and will continue to disinfect our treatment rooms and public surfaces. We are increasing the frequency of disinfecting the high traffic and public areas in the office.

We have removed all reading materials and the markers for the dry erase board.

While it is impossible to predict the spread of COVID-19, we are closely monitoring updates from the CDC to help us to continue to serve our patients' dental needs. One of the main concerns about the transmission of diseases in a dental office is the aerosolization or spray of water when a handpiece (the "drill") is used. This is most commonly used by general dentists. Orthodontists do not routinely use this type of handpiece, thereby greatly reducing the risk of any air born transmission of disease.

However, we completely understand the concerns you may have. The safety and well-being of our orthodontic family is our primary concern. We understand if you choose to reschedule your orthodontic appointments. Please feel free to contact our office so we can accommodate rescheduling appointments.

As we all increase our focus on personal space and hygiene, please DO NOT neglect your oral hygiene! Continue frequent tooth brushing, ideally 3 times per day and 2 minutes each time. If you need rubber bands call us and we can send them to you. And continue to wear your retainers as directed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe,

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