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REOPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

May 17, 2020

Re: Reopening Announcement in Response to COVID-19

Dear Patients:

We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. Our communities have been through a lot over the last few months, and all of us are looking forward to resuming our normal habits and routines. While many things have changed, one thing has remained the same: our practice's commitment to your safety and well-being.

Infection control has always been a top priority in our practice. We follow recommendations and guidelines made by the American Dental Association (ADA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the American Society of Dentist-Anesthesiologists (ASDA). This allows us to make sure that our infection control procedures are up-to-date and enables us to provide the safest environment for our patients and their family members.

We ask that you please be patient and understand that Ambulatory Dental Anesthesia Associates and your dental office will work together to best accommodate your scheduling needs as we know many of you are anxious to resume your treatment.

During this time, we have implemented additional safety precautions to help protect our patients and staff.

- The anesthesia team and the dental team will be wearing protective gowns, masks, and face coverings at all times.
- On the day of your procedure, a brief COVID-19 History and Symptoms Questionnaire will be sent to your cell phone. Please be sure to complete this questionnaire once you arrive at the office, prior to entering the facility. Anyone who answers positive to the questionnaire will be asked not to enter the dental office. If you or anyone accompanying you answer positive to the questionnaire, you will be asked to reschedule your appointment.
- Please do not enter the office without first calling and notifying the dental office staff that you have arrived. This will allow the staff to make sure that proper social distancing measures are in place for you and other patients in the reception area.
- Upon your entry into the reception area, temperature will be taken on you and anyone else who may enter with you. Anyone whose temperature is 100.0 °F or greater will be asked leave the facility. If you or anyone accompanying you has a temperature of 100.0 °F or greater, you will be asked to reschedule your appointment.



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- If your temperature is between 99.0 °F and 99.9 °F, you will be evaluated to determine the source of the fever – if we are unable to rule out COVID-19 as the source of the fever, you will be asked to leave the facility and reschedule your appointment.
- The patient care team will adopt new room disinfection guidelines that reduces the risk of COVID-19 transmission and allows adequate time to disinfect all areas of use between patients.

We kindly request that you follow the **Patient Infection Control Guidelines** outlined below:

- Check your temperature in the morning of your appointment. If your temperature reads 100.0 °F or greater, please give the office a call to postpone your appointment.
- Complete the COVID-19 History and Symptoms Questionnaire on the day of your appointment.
- Call us if within 14 days of your appointment you have 1) tested positive for COVID-19, 2) been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, 3) have experienced any of the common COVID-19 symptoms below, or 4) been in contact with anyone who has experienced any of the common COVID-19 symptoms below.
 - Common COVID-19 Symptoms: Fever, dry cough, loss of taste and/or smell, flu-like symptoms, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, fatigue or body aching, and chest pain
- You **must** have an adult escort with you drive you home and stay with you on the day of your anesthesia. However, we ask that you enter the reception room **unaccompanied** by your escort, if possible. For minor patients and those who require the assistance of another person may request to enter the reception room with your escort, and it will be handled on a case-by-case scenario. The individual who enters the reception room with you **must be the same person** who will drive and assist you after the anesthesia.
- Prior to your entry into the reception area, be sure that you and anyone accompanying put on a face covering such as a cloth or a surgical mask.
- Upon entry into the reception area, please be sure to sanitize your hands.
- If you are a parent with more than one child undergoing anesthesia on the same day, please bring in one child after another. For this reason, we ask that additional adults be available to watch your children in the car while one is undergoing anesthesia.
- Be mindful of others around you when you need to cough or sneeze. It is recommended that you cough or sneeze with a face covering on, and into your shoulder or under your arm.

The new measures reflect the current recommendations from various dental and anesthesia practice guidelines regarding the control of COVID-19, and will continually become modified as newer knowledge and recommendations emerge.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at (860) 561-1233 or nadia@ambulatoryda.com if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss with us.



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Thank you for being part of our precious community.

We value your trust and loyalty and look forward to welcoming back our patients, neighbors, and friends.

Yours,

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