

Happy Spring!

Covid -19 Update: April, 8, 2021

We hope you and your loved ones have stayed well. A year into life with Covid-19, our number-one priority continues to be the safety and wellbeing of our patients and staff. Peterson Dental has always been diligent with our infection control practices and has maintained up-to-date infection control procedures long before COVID-19. Because of the COVID-19 virus, we are implementing additional protocols to protect all who enter our practice. The protocols are based on guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Minnesota Board of Dentistry and Minnesota Dental Association (MDA). We will continue to monitor and adjust our procedures accordingly, as the information and guidelines continue to change.

Here are some of the new procedures you can expect:

- We ask patients to arrive a few minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time and wait in their car. A staff member will call your cell phone and direct you to the front entrance where they will take your temperature and give you a series of health screening questions to answer, or you can fill this form out online before you come.
- Patients who are not feeling well, or have an elevated temperature, will be asked to reschedule their appointment.
- Patients will be asked to wear a mask or face covering to their appointment. We will have them available should you need one.
- Patients will be asked to come alone to their appointment. The exceptions are parents/guardians accompanying children, people providing emotional/physical support and translators.
- Patients will be asked to wash their hands before and after their appointment. An alcohol- based hand sanitizer will be provided.
- Visitors will be requested to maintain a 6-foot distance from others while in the practice. To support this social distancing, our waiting room will have very limited furniture and properly spaced chairs.
- Dr. Peterson and team members will wear additional personal protective equipment (PPE), such as: face shields, N95 masks and scrub caps, during exams/treatment. The CDC recently lifted the requirement to wear surgical gowns, a decision that greatly lifted the spirits of our staff.
- Aerosols will be controlled during treatment with the use of High Volume Evacuation (HVE). Additionally, we have invested in your safety with the installation of HEPA Medify air purifiers to each operatory and to the front desk area. These medical grade units capture 99.9% of particles in the air, down to .1 microns.
- “Sneeze Guards” have been installed to protect our front desk staff.

We want to ensure you can feel comfortable visiting us at your next appointment. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. For additional information about COVID-19, get the latest reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Minnesota Department of Health.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peterson, Dr. Brodersen and the Peterson Dental Team