

## **CME Covid-19 Update**

To our patients and referring dental practices, we want you to know that our highest priority is always the health and safety of our patients, their families, and the Central Minnesota Endodontics care team. We have been closely monitoring the development of COVID-19 as cases have emerged in Minnesota and are taking guidance from the CDC, ADA, federal, state, and local authorities.

As of May 11<sup>th</sup>, we are now seeing patients for elective treatment and not just on an emergency basis. However, we are returning to a new normal with extra precautions. We are utilizing our additional offices to serve patients in a way that minimizes staff and patients per location, thus allowing for improved social distancing. As a result, patients may be offered appointments at alternative clinic locations to expedite care.

To ensure the continued safety of our patients and staff members, Central Minnesota Endodontics will continue to maintain the same high level of infection control set by OSHA that we do everyday to prevent the spread of all illness, not just this one.

However, in these unprecedented times, the following additional steps are being taken:

- We will have screening questions while scheduling and temperature checks upon arrival

- We are asking that only patients and no accompanying adults (save for the parent or guardian of a child) enter the office

- We will encourage social distancing of patients in the lobby

- We are sanitizing all common areas of the office, including the lobby, multiple times per day

- We are providing hand sanitizer and a mask upon arrival for patient use

- All of our staff will be wearing masks while at the office

- We have removed all items from the lobby that get frequently touched by patients (magazines, newspapers, etc)

- Patients will be given oral rinses of hydrogen peroxide prior to examinations

- Patients will be given masks before treatment and nasal oxygen during treatment to minimize exposure of the mouth and nose

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:** To protect our patients and team, and to help us prevent the spread of any illness, please notify us if you or anyone in your family has been experiencing fever, cough, shortness of breath, body aches, or other flu-like

symptoms. If you believe that anyone in your family may have been exposed to COVID-19, we kindly ask that you do not come into the office and call to reschedule your appointment.

We will continue to monitor the developments of this rapidly changing situation. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. We can be reached at 320.656.1456.

Thank you for choosing Central Minnesota Endodontics! We appreciate you and your support during this time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Catherine Wurm, Dr. Brock Droll, Dr. Joe Byun, Dr. JT Crepps, and the Central Minnesota Endodontics care team