

Infection Control

This information will inform you about measures we have taken in our office to reduce the chance of cross-contamination of disease from patient to patient. You may observe numerous areas of prevention you may not have seen before. Included among them are:

- 1. Facemasks:** All of our clinical personnel wear facemasks during patient care. These physical barriers assist in reducing the spread of organisms from person to person.
- 2. Gloves:** New disposable gloves are worn for every patient. These gloves ensure that contamination is not spread from patient to patient.
- 3. Disinfection of Counters and Other Surfaces:** You may notice a mild chemical odor associated when wiping surfaces. These chemicals are necessary to disinfect surfaces that have been touched during patient treatment.
- 4. Items Attached to Dental Operating Units:** Handpieces, air blowers, suction equipment, etc., are sterilized with a combination of heat and chemicals.
- 5. Barriers:** Plastic or rubber is placed on chairs, switches, etc., for each new patient.
- 6. Instruments:** All metal instruments placed in your mouth have been sterilized by a combination of heat or chemicals.

Every possible precaution is being taken in our office to avoid any cross-contamination from patient to patient. We welcome your suggestions.