





Coronavirus COVID-19

APPENDIX 7: LEVELS OF INTERVENTION TO SLOW THE TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19: ADJUSTED DENTAL PRACTICES

Table 1: Summary of adjustments to dental practices based on alert levels

Patient status		Asymptomatic/recovered			
Alert levels	 Level 1	 Level 2	 Level 3	 Level 4	
	All types of procedures	All types of procedures	All types of procedures	Procedures with no or low risk of aerosol production from bodily fluids	Procedures with risk of aerosol production from bodily fluids
COVID-19 protection measures	Observe all protection measures both in and out of treatment rooms ¹⁹ .	Increase level of observance to ensure strict compliance with all protection measures.	Prepare the dental clinic for a possible move to level 4.	Reduce volume of patients visiting the clinic to reduce the number of people travelling from one place to another in the community.	
Mask	Procedural (or surgical) mask minimum level 2	Procedural (or surgical) mask minimum level 2	Procedural (or surgical) mask minimum level 2	Certified N95 mask with fit testing or substitute approved by Health Canada.	
Eye protection	Safety glasses with side shields or face shield	Safety glasses with side shields or face shield	Safety glasses with side shields or face shield	Safety glasses with side shields or face shield. Dental prophylaxis: Face shield.	Face shield
Uniform	Work uniform	Work uniform	Work uniform	Work uniform. Dental prophylaxis: Long-sleeved gown (one per patient)	Disposable or washable non-sterile long-sleeved gown (one per patient). Gloves must cover the cuffs of the gown.
Gloves	Tight-fitting, non-sterile, single use gloves covering the wrists	Tight-fitting, non-sterile, single use gloves covering the wrists	Tight-fitting, non-sterile, single use gloves covering the wrists	Tight-fitting, non-sterile, single use gloves covering the wrists	
Ventilation/filtration and rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open or closed room Elimination rate of 90% efficiency if procedure is at risk of producing aerosols from bodily fluids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open or closed room Elimination rate of 90% efficiency if procedure is at risk of producing aerosols from bodily fluids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open or closed room Elimination rate of 90% efficiency if procedure is at risk of producing aerosols from bodily fluids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open or closed room. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed room. Elimination rate of 99% efficiency, observing wait time before entering the room without required PPE

¹⁹ For example, be sure to follow these measures: triage questionnaire, physical distancing, disinfection of common areas, use of masks by patients and staff during breaks, etc.

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Maintenance of water lines and suction after each procedure	Alternating between fast and slow (to create a swirl), use the suction units to aspirate 100 ml of warm water after each procedure.	Alternating between fast and slow (to create a swirl), use the suction units to aspirate 100 ml of warm water after each procedure.	Alternating between fast and slow (to create a swirl), use the suction units to aspirate 100 ml of warm water after each procedure.	Alternating between fast and slow (to create a swirl), use the suction units to aspirate 100 ml of a suitable cleaning or disinfecting solution after each procedure.
Decontamination and sterilization of instruments	Presoaking not required	Presoaking not required	Presoaking not required	Presoak instruments in a disinfecting solution.
Patient status	Suspected / confirmed			
Patient management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Treat by teledentistry whenever possible. 2. Refer patient to a COVID-19 dental clinic. 3. Treat at your clinic following the recommendations in this document 			