

**Statement Pertaining  
Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)  
for Gig Harbor and Port Orchard Endodontics**

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This statement is for our patients and referring doctors based on current findings about COVID-19 by the CDC and recommendation by American Dental Association:

As health care providers we practice “universal precautions” for all infectious diseases every day and for every patient. Infection control procedures including administrative rules and engineering controls, environmental hygiene, correct work practices, and appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) are all necessary to prevent infections from spreading during healthcare delivery. Prompt detection and effective triage and isolation of potentially infectious patients are essential to prevent unnecessary exposures among patients, healthcare personnel, and visitors at the facility.

**When scheduling appointments, patients and persons who accompany them are to call ahead or inform our office if they have symptoms of any respiratory infection (e.g., cough, runny nose, fever) or if they have been in contact with a known COVID-19 carrier.**

The current concern with COVID-19 is spread of the disease from asymptomatic carriers to non-carriers; hence the recommendations for limited contact between people and delay of elective procedures.

***Due to the nature of the endodontic specialty we will continue to see and treat patients with clinical signs and symptoms of dental pain and infection that cannot be delayed and after review of their medical history and assessment of their risk factors for COVID-19.***

Thank you and please call us with any questions.