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To our patients:

### **We at DFW Implant Team Are Looking to the Future in Dentistry**

The COVID virus has been extremely difficult for all of us. Beyond the devastation to people's health and well-being, dental offices are experiencing complete shutdowns in some places.

This will lead to poorer health over time since good oral hygiene is directly linked to better overall health.

As dentists, we need to prepare for a new "future" in dentistry for the time being. The proper time to reopen involves many factors.

- State regulations, practice location
- Outbreak significance in your area
- Emergency dentistry provided
- Dental team health
- Employee availability

All these factors need to be considered before the decision to reopen or "soft" reopen is made.

In the meantime, dental practices and dentists need to prepare for the new policies they will need to put into place to begin seeing patient's again.

### **Reason to Soft-Open**

Patients need care and the need for care will continue to increase as optional dental procedures become critical over time.

DFW Implant Team needs to teach ourselves and our team how to start treating patients in the new era of COVID-19.

There will no longer be a 100% safe certainty but everyone that enters our dental practice should be considered to be a COVID patient. This way our protocols and procedures protect everyone.

The same as the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s. When every patient that enters a dental office is treated like they have the virus, team members follow procedures to protect themselves.

As Doctors and healthcare professionals, dental offices are the most prepared to keep our patients safe and reopen. We already have been following Federal and State infection controls procedures for decades.

The reason to “soft open” is to help you, our patients, and find out which safety protocols work for all of us.

The following are protocols are for your safety and the safety of the staff and doctor:

The Office Administrator Will Assist You to Upon Arrival

- Prior to appointment, the COVID-19 Patient Release has been sent to the office via email [dfwimplantteam@gmail.com](mailto:dfwimplantteam@gmail.com)
- Upon your arrival please call for check in - call **817-267-1851** and a staff member will meet you at the door
- **Only the patient is allowed in the office**
- We request you wear a mask to the office for your visit
- Temperature of every patient will be taken before they come into the office
- Patient will be escorted directly to the treatment area
- Your ride will be notified upon completion of your appointment
- If a ride is present, you will be released outside the door...NOT in the office

The health and safety of our patients and our team is our top priority.

**We are all in this together.**

We sincerely care about each of you and we appreciate your understanding during this time of uncertainty.

Our thoughts are with those who have been impacted.

Be safe and stay well.

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