

# Standard Operating Procedures

<b>Clinical Safety Procedure #67</b> – Restricted entry to facilities and screening during the COVID-19 pandemic	
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## A. Purpose

Providing a safe environment for both patients and employees is always a top priority in the dental practice. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, limiting the amount of people in the practice will be important to minimizing risk of virus transmission.

## B. Scope

Until the COVID-19 pandemic has ended, entry into the dental practice is limited to patients, parents or legal guardians of minor patients, approved third-party vendors, and contracted workers. Signage will be placed at all entries outlining entry limitations and requirements.

Prior to entry to the practice, patients, parents or legal guardians of minor patients, approved third-party vendors, and contracted workers will:

- Have their temperature taken
- Be screened for respiratory illness symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing)
- Be given a facemask to wear for the duration of their visit if they don't present with their own facemask

Anyone presenting with a temperature  $\geq 100.0^{\circ}$  F or showing signs of respiratory illness will not be allowed to enter.

Upon entry to the practice, patients, parents or legal guardians of minor patients, approved third-party vendors, and contracted workers will be required to perform hand hygiene.

Anyone accompanying a patient, excluding parents and legal guardians of minors, will not be allowed to enter and will be required to wait for the patient outside of the practice.

When possible, deliveries will be made to an entrance other than the main patient entrance.

## C. Responsibility/Affected Employees

All

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**D. Personal Protective Equipment**

**E. Definitions & Abbreviations**

**F. Resources**

Signage