COVID-19 Infection Control Information for Dental Hygiene Clinic Patients

Our clinic follows infection control recommendations developed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and American Dental Association. We follow the activities of these agencies on a regular basis to stay up-to-date on new rulings or guidance that may be issued.

Changes include:

- **Telephone Screenings 24-48 Hours Prior to Appointments.** Student clinicians or front office staff will communicate with patients prior to their scheduled appointment to ask several screening questions. On the day of patient’s appointments, the same screening questions will be asked again.

- Patients are asked to have no accompanying visitors with them, unless the situation is medically necessary, for interpreter services, or for a minor child. Children should not accompany parents unless the children are receiving care at the same time.

- All clinic doors are locked except the main (north) entrance from Martin Luther King Way. Upon arrival use the main entrance for check in procedures and the back (south) entrance for exiting following check out.

- **Temperatures** are taken and recorded upon entrance to the clinic.

- Use of **hand sanitizer** is required upon entry. Hand sanitizer if available for use upon entrance to the clinic and the restrooms.

- Patients are asked to **wear a face mask/cloth covering** on the ISU campus as well as within our dental hygiene clinic, removing it only during oral health care. A face covering will be provided for those who do not have one.

- **6’ distancing** is required throughout the clinic and is designated with floor signs.

- To allow for proper disinfection, the reception area no longer offers magazines, children’s toys and so forth.

- Appointments are scheduled at staggered times to allow for 6’ social distancing in the waiting room. Please arrive as close as possible to your designated appointment time.

- Limit personal items carried into the building such as a small purse, or jacket. Personal items (purses, wallets, keys, umbrellas) will be placed in a plastic protective barrier and stored under the counter in the student clinicians operatory. Bulky jackets/coats or backpacks will be hung/placed in the reception area before patients are brought back to the student clinician.

We look forward to seeing all our patients and are happy to answer any questions about the steps we have taken to keep patients safe in our practice. To make an appointment, please call our office at **208-282-3282** or contact your assigned dental hygiene student.