

42NORTH

DENTAL

COVID-19 Protocol Update June 2021



The vaccination population has increased, and state-issued mask mandates have been lifted, causing much confusion.

We will follow the updated ADA COVID-19 Protocols and New ETS (Emergency Temporary Standard) issued by OSHA and the Department of Labor.

There has been essentially no changes to this protocol regardless of vaccination status. Mask wearing and screening all persons is mandatory. Cleaning protocols remain in place.

People with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 can not enter the office.



COVID-19 Pre-screening

- OSHA ETS and CDC continues to require daily screenings for ALL VISITORS (Must continue to keep logs)
- OSHA and CDC continues to require daily screenings for anyone who enters the office including patients and other visitors.
 - **Assess everyone who enters facility for symptoms of COVID-19**
 - screening, pre-visit questionnaire reporting absence of fever and COVID-19 symptoms, diagnosis of COVID-19 in prior 10 days and confirm that they have not been exposed in previous 14 days must be completed and recorded for **all visitors**. (You need to monitor your entrance; you do not need to lock your doors)
 - Signage on proper PPE wearing, masks must still be worn
 - Provide proper PPE to those in the facility and masks available for patients
 - Limit and monitor points of entry to the practice. (Monitor front entrance)



Patient Mask Wearing

- Everyone including fully vaccinated persons must continue to wear a mask in the following places.
 - Healthcare settings (Medical / Dental office)
 - Public Transportation centers (airports/ train stations)
 - Other places that may require
- Be prepared, have masks available for patients as they enter the facility should they not have one. Please do the same for delivery people (UPS) or vendors as well.
- Should there be a patient who is defensive/combatative do not engage them further to escalate the situation. Tell them of the policy, offer a mask and try to get them into an operatory as quickly as possible. Engaging and escalating a confrontation should not occur.
- Social Distancing in the waiting room must continue, if waiting room is full and social distancing can not be maintained then you can ask patients to wait outside or move patients to wait in operatory as efficiently as possible.



Employee/ Staff PPE Wearing

- No changes to PPE for performing dentistry.
 - For all Aerosol procedures a N95 mask/face shield/gown must continue to be worn. A Level 3 medical mask with face shield and gown is an adequate alternative for those who can not tolerate a N95.
 - *Masks sourced outside of 42 North that are not N95 or a PAPR are not compliant. Immediately stop using any KN95 or K94 these models have not been sourced by 42 North and are not compliant with the ETS issued by OSHA and the Dept. of Labor*
- Fully-vaccinated individuals can socialize and dine in break rooms without social distancing. However, if unvaccinated individuals are present, then PPE should be worn, and social distancing should be maintained.
- When in operatories/hallways staff must wear a medical level 2 or better mask at all times.



COVID – 19 Record Keeping

- Employee and Visitor Screening must be maintained
- Cleaning Logs must be maintained
- COVID-19 Exposure must be documented (Any exposure call Regional Manager to document encounter who will then call Dr. Scialabba and HR to formally document)
- COVID-19 Positive Employees (Must contact RM and HR and follow up documentation/reporting)



COVID-19 Quarantine Guidelines

- Vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine, however must self-monitor for symptoms and quarantine if any symptoms develop
- Un-vaccinated individuals, exposed with Direct contact (within 6 feet/more than 15 minutes in 24 hours) must quarantine, on day 5 can get tested.
 - If Negative can return on day 8
 - If positive and mild symptoms can return day 11 (10-day Quarantine and must be symptom free for 48 hours)
 - If severe/hospitalized can return after a 20-day quarantine
- If you get tested for COVID-19 and had a positive encounter you may not return to work until you have negative test results or have sat out the required quarantine as listed above. If you are speculatively getting tested, you can return to work with a negative test as long as you do not have any symptoms



Importance of Vaccination

- Vaccination appointments are currently available for people 12 years and older on a walk-in basis.
 - Pfizer age 12 and up
 - Moderna age 16 and up
 - Johnson & Johnson 16 and up, 1 shot only
- Vaccinated employees:
 - Keep patients, families and colleagues safe
 - Can enjoy added freedom in breakroom and outside the practice
 - Can avoid the risk of severe disease and hospitalization as well as the debilitating symptoms of long haul covid.
- Younger people make up an increasing number of cases and hospitalizations
- Millions across the US and around the Globe have received a COVID-19 vaccination, which is proving to be safe and effective.

Please don't wait. Vaccination is critical.



Vaccinations (What Can You Do?)

- **We care about our employees and want them to be protected from this deadly virus.**
- **Currently 55% of our employees have received the first dose of vaccine**
- Patients feel safer being treated by vaccinated employees
- **Please continue to encourage your staff to get vaccinated.** We are a healthcare organization and should set the example within our communities and to support our family and friends.
- Scheduling an appointment is easy. Please go to <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccination-locations> to learn more and to sign up for an appointment.
- Get Counted! Send us Your Vaccination Documentation (copy of vaccination card) to employeehealth@42northdental.com once you have been vaccinated.



Health & Safety Links

- <https://www.42northdental.com/health-and-safety/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- https://success.ada.org/en/practice-management/patients/infectious-diseases-2019-novel-coronavirus?utm_source=adaorg&utm_medium=globalheader&utm_content=coronavirus&utm_campaign=covid-19
- <https://www.adha.org/covid19>
- MA <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-updates-and-information>
- ME <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/>
- CT <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>
- NH <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/>
- NY <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>





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