

Here at Sandy Family Dentistry your safety and the safety of our team is our number one priority. As such, not only do we invest in high quality equipment to take quality care of our patients, but we also invest in evidence-based recommendations for disinfectants and sterilization techniques.

As always, our goal is to be transparent with our patients, whether this be in regard to our personal lives, your oral health, or the infection control and sterilization techniques we employ. Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, we were already practicing stringent infection control combined with prudent sterilization techniques. We want to share with you what we are doing in addition to keep you and our team safe. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

BEFORE COVID-19	WHAT WE HAVE ADDED
Use of CaviWipes and Cavicide to disinfect the room after every patient (Cavicide is on the EPA's List N of approved disinfectants effective against the Human Corona Virus)	We will continue to use EPA List N disinfectants such as Cavicide that have been approved for use against Human Corona Virus.
Use of chair barriers after every patient in addition to use of CaviWipes/ Cavicide.	We will continue to use chair barriers between patients and disinfect the chairs with Cavicide between patients.
Use of a rubber dam during some Restorative treatment to decrease aersols being put out. Such as root Canals.	We will be using rubber dam barriers as much as possible for procedures using a high-speed hand piece and have installed a new Hepa13 lonic air filtration system in our office. Both of these measures will help reduce aerosol, as well as purify and disinfect the air.
Steam sterilization for all instruments after every procedure after they have been disinfected in a ultrasonic bath.	We will continue to use the best sterilization equipment available to us to autoclave and sterilize our instruments.
Utilization of single use items.	We will continue to use single use / Disposable items when needed.
Elimination of cloth chairs in the waiting room opting for Faux leather or plastic to be easily disinfected	Although we love our new reception area, we will be implementing a call or text when you arrive to your appointment and have you wait in your car until we have called you back to come inside, we want to eliminate waiting in our updated reception area.
We wore gloves, masks, gowns, and eye protection during patient encounters.	Our team will look a little different as we will be wearing face shield in addition to our normal PPE (mask, gloves, goggles and gowns) we will also have KN95 masks along with cloth masks over those.
	All patients will be screened over the phone prior to scheduling. Along with having your temperature taken before entering the practice.
	All patients will be Required to do a one minute rinse with Chlorhexidine this is a mouth rinse used to disinfect the mouth.
	To eliminate congregating in our reception areas, patients will wait in their cars and call the office to check in. When the treatment area is ready for the patient they will be called and taken directly to the treatment area. Before checking out, patients will wait in the operatory chair until the waiting room is clear of other patients and then be taken to the front check out area.
	We are implementing all Recommendations by the American Dental association for COVID-19. Thank you for understanding.