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Procedures in response to the SARS CoV-2 pandemic

PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF SERVICES

All employees, patients and visitors are required to be screened for Covid-19 symptoms (including a temperature screening) prior to entry to the clinic area.

- SBHC-D staff are required to complete a COVID-19 screening questionnaire/temperature screening daily.
- In schools that currently have a screening questionnaire in place, a copy of the questionnaire will be provided to the SBHC-D program the day of the appointment.
- In schools that **do not** have a daily COVID-19 screening tool in place, parents/guardians of patients are telephoned the day prior to delivery of services to:
 - Screen for COVID-19 symptoms/complete a Covid-19 questionnaire.
 - Triage and assess their child's dental condition in cases where a chief complaint is present on the consent.
 - Request that visitors refrain from accompanying the patient to the dental appointment, unless necessary for the patient's physical or emotional well-being. The use of video call applications on cell phones or tablets for communication purposes will be encouraged.
- If the patient requires an accompanying visitor, the visitor will be required to:
 - wear a mask and limit bringing personal belongings into the clinical area
 - complete a COVID-19 symptom screening questionnaire, including a temperature screening.
 - they may be asked to wait in a personal vehicle or outside the facility where they can be contacted by mobile phone at the completion of patient care.
 - A post-care area will be established that allows for physical distancing for patients to reunite with those who may have accompanied them to the office.

Everyone entering the clinic must wear a mask. Children 2yrs and under may be excluded from wearing a mask.

- HHHN has a Respiratory Protection Program which addresses training, medical evaluation and fit testing when N95 or higher respirators are used for clinical care. SBHC-D staff are required to utilize N95 masks when involved in direct patient care.
- Hand hygiene should be performed anytime masks are adjusted or removed.



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EQUIPMENT MAINTANENCE

All required routine maintenance is completed on a daily/weekly basis as indicated for equipment.

- Sterilizers are routinely cleaned, filters and gaskets are examined and replaced if indicated. Spore tests are run weekly.
- Dental unit waterlines are routinely shocked and tested to ensure the lines meet the standard for safe drinking water based on EPA standards.

CLINICAL AREA

- Clinical care will be limited to one patient at a time.
- Appointments will be scheduled to allow adequate time for appropriate disinfection and cleaning, and HEPA air filtration.
- Only Non-aerosol producing procedures will be performed during the COVID-19 pandemic including hand-scaling, toothbrush prophylaxis, fluoride varnish and dental sealant materials that do not require the use of air.
- Disposable barrier wrap will be utilized for all surfaces that are contacted during patient care.
- Items not being used for patient care will be stored away in a cabinet to avoid contamination (including boxes of gloves, patient cups, masks, tissues, paper towels, etc.).
- For clinic areas with open floor plans, floor to ceiling barriers will be installed (ensuring they do not interfere with fire sprinklers) to enhance the effectiveness of any heating, ventilation and air conditioning air filtration systems utilized.
- Hand hygiene products, tissues and waste cans will be available for patient/visitor use.
- All patients will be required to wash their hands pre/post treatment. SBHC-D staff will teach each patient proper hand hygiene upon entry to the clinical area (Signage for proper hand hygiene will be posted at every site).
- Clinical areas are cleaned and disinfected between patients according to CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in the Dental Health Setting. Disinfectants for use against SARS-CoV2 are utilized (per EPA list N).

All SBHC-D staff will maintain physical distancing with other team members, patients and school staff when not performing