



## **Dev's Dental Practice-Health and Safety Policy**

At Dev's dental practice, the health and safety of our patients, staff, and visitors are our top priorities. We are committed to maintaining a safe and clean environment, following the highest standards of infection control and safety protocols. This policy outlines the procedures and measures we have implemented to ensure everyone's well-being during their visit.

### **1. Infection Control Measures**

**Sterilization and Disinfection:** All dental instruments are properly sterilized after each use. High-touch surfaces and dental equipment are thoroughly disinfected between patient appointments.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Our dental professionals will wear appropriate PPE, including gloves, masks, face shields, and gowns, to minimize the risk of cross-contamination.

**Hand Hygiene:** All staff members practice regular hand washing and use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers to maintain optimal hygiene standards.

### **2. Patient Health Screenings**

**Pre-Visit Health Questionnaire:** All patients are required to complete a health screening questionnaire before their appointment to ensure there are no concerns related to contagious diseases, particularly COVID-19.

**Appointment Rescheduling:** If a patient is feeling unwell, exhibiting symptoms, or has been in contact with someone diagnosed with a contagious illness, we encourage them to reschedule their appointment for the safety of others.

### **3. Enhanced Cleaning and Sanitation Procedures**

**Cleaning:** Our practice undergoes regular cleaning, including deep cleaning of common areas such as restrooms, waiting areas, and treatment rooms.

**Air Quality:** We have implemented air filtration systems to help reduce the spread of airborne pathogens and ensure clean, safe air circulation throughout the office.

### **5. Staff Training and Compliance**

**Ongoing Training:** Our team receives regular training in infection control, health and safety protocols, and emergency response procedures to stay updated with the latest guidelines and practices.

**Compliance with Regulations:** Our practice is governed by regulated bodies like CQC (care quality commission), GDC (general dental council), NHS (national health service) guidelines, to ensure we provide the highest quality of care to our patients.

## 6. Emergency Procedures

\*Emergency Protocols: We have established clear protocols for responding to medical emergencies, ensuring quick and effective care if a patient experiences an urgent health issue during their visit. First Aid Kits: Fully stocked first aid kits are available, and all staff members are trained in basic first aid and CPR.

## 7. Personal Responsibilities

Patient Cooperation: We kindly request that all patients follow the outlined protocols, including wearing masks, practicing hand hygiene, and adhering to social distancing guidelines when appropriate.

## 8. Staff Well-being

Our team is also expected to report any illness or symptoms promptly and stay home if they are not feeling well, in line with our commitment to a healthy work environment.

By following these health and safety guidelines, we ensure that all patients, staff, and visitors have a safe and positive experience at our practice.

If you have any questions or concerns about our health and safety practices, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for trusting Dev's Dental Practice with your oral health!