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Dear Manor Dental Health Center Patient:

We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. Our community has been through a lot over the last few months, and all of us are looking forward to resuming our normal habits and routines. While many things have changed, one thing has remained the same: our commitment to your safety.

Infection control has always been a top priority for our practice and you may have seen this during your visits to our office. Our infection control processes are made so that when you receive care, it’s both safe and comfortable. We want to tell you about the infection control procedures we follow in our practice to keep patients and staff safe.

Our office follows infection control recommendations made by the American Dental Association (ADA), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). We follow the activities of these agencies so that we are up-to-date on any new rulings or guidance that may be issued. We are still awaiting the proper PPE that is necessary from our suppliers to resume patient care.

You may see some changes when it is time for your next appointment. We made these changes to help protect our patients and staff. For example:

* Our office will communicate with you beforehand to ask some screening questions. You’ll be asked those same questions again when you are in the office.
* We offer hand sanitizer upon arrival and a mask is required at all times while on Manor’s campus. You will also find some in the reception area and other places in the office for you to use as needed.
* You may see that our waiting room will no longer offer magazines, children’s toys and so forth, since those items are difficult to clean and disinfect. We will be escorting patients from their car immediately to the treatment room for care.
* Appointments will be managed to allow for social distancing between patients. That might mean that you’re offered fewer options for scheduling your appointment.
* We will do our best to allow greater time between patients to reduce waiting times for you, as well as to reduce the number of patients in the reception area at any one time.

We look forward to seeing you again and are happy to answer any questions you may have about the steps we take to keep you, and every patient, safe in our practice. We will be in touch when we start making appointments, please call our office at 215-887-7617 for any questions or visit our website at <https://manor.edu/about/services/dental-health-center/>.

Thank you for being our patient. We value your trust and loyalty and look forward to welcoming back our patients, neighbors and friends.

Sincerely,

Manor Dental Health Center