



# Coronavirus Disease and Oral Health

## Information for Parents About Visiting the Dental Office

It is important that your child get regular oral health care. Before going to a dental office, talk with the dental team about changes they have made to lower the risk of spreading the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) to patients and parents.

Dental office changes may include:

- Calling you before your child's visit and asking questions about your health and your child's health, including their oral health. The questions may be asked again on the day of the visit.
- Limiting the number of people attending the visit. For example, having only one parent in the office with their child.
- Having you call the dental office when you arrive and waiting in the car or outside the building before the visit.
- Limiting the number of patients seen in the office.
- Requiring patients and parents to wear a mask while in the building.
- Taking the parent's and child's temperatures.
- Not providing care to children with a fever or other signs of COVID-19, unless the child has oral pain or a dental injury.
- Wearing more protective equipment than before, such as masks, face shields, and gowns.
- Disinfecting the room after each patient to lower the risk of spreading COVID-19.



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