



Dear Patients and Parents:

Governor Cuomo has announced that all dental offices in New York may resume seeing patients for non-emergency visits effective June 1st. We are reaching out to all of our patients to get them back for a visit with Dr. Weston. Our primary goal is to provide the safest environment for our patients and our staff. So we are going above and beyond the infection control protocols recommended by New York State and CDC. This includes:

- Distance between patient appointment times and between patients while they are in the office
- Reception room will be limited to only 3 people to allow for more than 6 feet of distance
  - We are encouraging that all patients be dropped off and parents remain in their car
  - We ask that you call us when you arrive at the office to confirm that we are ready for your appointment
- All patients will be asked a screening questionnaire prior to their visit and scanned for their temperature upon arrival at the office to confirm their health
- All patients will be asked to brush their teeth prior to their appointment—our tooth brushing station will be closed
- All patients will be required to wear a mask in the office (we will provide a mask if you don't have one)
- Sneeze guards are installed at the front desk
- All staff members will be wearing PPE (personal protective equipment) including masks, face shields, and disposable gowns
- All staff members will have their temperatures taken twice a day
- All staff members will wash hands and use hand sanitizer between every patient appointment
- A staff member will be designated to sterilize all instruments and sanitize all surfaces repeatedly throughout the day as their sole responsibility
- Dr. Weston has developed a face shield that is attached to each chair that will provide our patients additional protection
- Medical grade air purifiers have been placed throughout the office to change to room air every 15 minutes

We have spent the week of June 1<sup>st</sup> getting the office and ourselves completely prepared to see patients starting June 8th. If you have not heard from us please give us a call and we will do everything we can to get you in as soon as possible. As we all get used to the *new normal* here at the office we appreciate your patience and understanding. My staff and I are looking forward to seeing you again soon!

Sincerely,

Garrett Weston, D.D.S.