

# BEDNAR

## ORTHODONTICS

We are so excited to be able to see our patients again! We would like everyone to know that the health and safety of our patients, team members, and community is of the utmost importance to us.

We have established new protocols and are following the guidelines that the CDC, ADA (American Dental Association) and AAO (American Association of Orthodontists) have developed on the proper protective equipment recommended in order to practice during this pandemic and minimize the risk of virus transmission. This includes adding medical grade air purifiers to the office.

As always, we follow OSHA guidelines for infection control. In addition to our already stringent disinfecting and sterilization procedures, we are enacting the following protocols as we continue our efforts to keep everyone safe:

- To comply with our state's social distancing guidelines, **we are asking that only patients in active treatment enter the office. We would ask that anyone else accompanying you to please remain outside the office. If you are a new patient, we request that only the parents/guardians accompany the minor.**
- **Masks MUST be worn by everyone entering our office.**
- **Temperatures (forehead) will be taken on every person entering the office.**
- Please use hand sanitizer or wash hands thoroughly upon entering and exiting the office.
- Please do not use the check in Ipad but check in with the front desk.
- If you or a family member are not feeling well, have had a fever in the last 48 hours, have shortness of breath, a cough or have traveled outside the U.S. in the last 14 days we ask that you reschedule your appointment.
- Patients who come into the office showing signs of illness will be asked to reschedule your appointment.
- If you would like an update on your child's orthodontic progress please call the front desk to let us know and one of the doctors would be happy to call you at the end of the business day.

Upon reopening, we hope you can understand that we will be unable to maintain our previous schedule. Appointments will be scheduled in such a manner as to stagger and spread out the total number of individuals in the office at one time.

**We greatly appreciate your patience during this time and are excited to be back!**