PART 2: DELIVERING PATIENT CARE

The following sections of the checklist address the care of the patient, and processes related to providing oral healthcare safely, beginning with patient arrival to the office to patient discharge with subsequent decontamination of the operatory. The appropriate use of PPE is listed in the context of delivery of patient care.

**PATIENT ARRIVAL FOR APPOINTMENT**

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Patients and anyone accompanying them to the appointment are appropriately screened for temperature and signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to entering the office:

- When possible escorts, friends or other family members do not enter the waiting room or treatment areas.
- All patients and visitors are reminded to keep masks or face coverings on if possible, except during treatment.
- All patients and visitors are directed to perform hand hygiene with an alcohol based handrub with at least a 60% concentration of alcohol when entering the clinic.
- Physical distancing between patients is limited by spacing of chairs in the lobby area and monitoring of patient flow through the practice.
- Patients who have a temperature (<100.0 °F) and/or signs and symptoms of COVID-19 are provided a mask if they are not wearing one and asked to follow-up with their healthcare provider. For an elevated temperature alone, the dentist is consulted for further evaluation.
- For patients with a fever strongly associated with a dental diagnosis (e.g., pulpal and periapical dental pain and intraoral swelling), but no other symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are present, care can be provided following protocols for care of patients without evidence of COVID-19 infection.

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