

**Orthodontic Treatment at Total Orthodontics
in the Era of COVID-19
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Valued Patient Family,

Thank you for your continued trust in our practice! As with the transmission of any communicable disease like a cold or the flu, you may be exposed to COVID-19, at any time or place. Be assured that we operate at the highest standard of care with all state and federal regulations and recommended universal personal protection and disinfection protocols to limit transmission of all diseases in our office. Despite our careful attention to sterilization and disinfection, there is still a chance that you could be exposed to an illness in our office, just as you might be at your gym, grocery store, or favorite restaurant. Although we have taken measures to follow social distancing in our practice, due to the nature of the procedures we provide, it is not possible to maintain social distancing between the patient, orthodontist, orthodontic staff and sometimes other patients at all times.

Patients may be required to rinse (and not swallow) with Peroxyl (a dilute hydrogen peroxide). Let us know if your child has a hypersensitivity to hydrogen peroxide.

If you have been exposed to a communicable disease, you may spread the disease to the orthodontist, orthodontic staff, or other patients/parents in the practice. Therefore, we want to confirm the following statements are true:

You, your child, or others accompanying you to today's appointment or other recent acquaintances have NOT tested positive for or been diagnosed as having COVID-19 or any other communicable disease in the last 2 weeks.

You, your child, or others accompanying you to today's appointment or other recent acquaintances do not have a fever (above 100.0 degrees), cough, persistent pain/pressure/tightness in chest, shortness of breath, trouble breathing, or recent unexpected loss of taste/smell.

I understand that by entering the offices of Total Orthodontics or allowing my children to enter the offices of Total Orthodontics, I am confirming that I have read, understand, and attest to the above statements thereby accepting the risks of being seen for orthodontic treatment.