Your Visual Guide to Dental Visits Post-COVID-19

From pre-screening to follow-up, here’s a step-by-step guide of what to expect at your next dental visit:

**How Dental Care & Office Staff Help Keep You Healthy**

- **Daily Health Checks**
  - Including temperature readings & COVID-19 symptom screenings

- **Hand Hygiene**
  - Increased handwashing & hand sanitizer use

- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
  - Full PPE for providers; masks for office staff

- **Staying Informed**
  - Of the latest research & infection control guidelines

**Before Your Visit**

- **Scheduling Options**
  - May be limited to allow for extra disinfection & social distancing

- **COVID-19 Screening**
  - Phone questionnaire the day before your visit

- **Ask Questions**
  - It’s always okay to ask questions about what to expect at your visit

- **At-Risk Patients**
  - Reminded to check in over the phone & wait in the car

**When You Arrive**

- **Masks**
  - Requesting that you must wear a mask upon arrival

- **Temperature Check**
  - For everyone entering the dental office

- **Hand Sanitizer**
  - Clean your hands on the way in

- **COVID-19 Screening**
  - Questionnaire — bring your own pen or pencil

**Waiting Room & Shared Spaces**

- **New Layouts**
  - Chairs removed, dividers put up for social distancing

- **Fewer Things to Touch**
  - Toys, magazines, & reading materials removed

- **Daily Cleaning**
  - Waiting rooms & bathrooms disinfected daily

- **Less Crowded**
  - Limited to caregivers & patients only

**Treatment Room & Dental Team**

- **Cleaned between Patients**
  - Room disinfected & protective coverings replaced

- **Sterile Equipment**
  - MDA dentists only use sterile tools & equipment

- **Fewer Items**
  - Non-essential items removed from treatment room

- **Dental Care PPE**
  - Face shield or eye protection & mask; gowns or jackets; gloves

**After Your Visit**

- **Your Follow-up**
  - May be fewer appointment options available

- **Hand Sanitizer**
  - Don’t forget to clean your hands on the way out

- **Report Symptoms**
  - Any COVID-19 symptoms occurring within 2 days of visit

- **Care for Your Smile**
  - Good dental hygiene habits help keep you healthy