Dear Patient of Davie Dental,

We wanted to reach out to you to let you know how our office is responding to the current COVID 19 situation. At this time, until further notice, we will continue to be open for urgent and emergency patients. Our office hours are limited to Monday-Thursday 9 a.m to 12 p.m. Dr. Barry Bluth can be reached at 954-662-4580 for dental emergencies that occur during non-office hours.

We adhere to the most strict CDC and OSHA standards of infection control at all times, even prior to this virus. As a result, a dental office that follows these guidelines is one of the safest places to be during this outbreak. However, we have taken some additional steps as follows:

- We are asking each patient if they have been out of the country during the last 30 days or have been in contact with anyone that has been, to notify us immediately. If so, we kindly ask that you adhere to the quarantine guidelines set forth by the CDC for quarantine. We will manage your dental condition via teledentistry in conjunction with your medical doctor and pharmacist.

- If you are experiencing any symptoms, we ask that you quarantine as mentioned above. If you have a sore throat, fever, body aches, or loss of sense of taste and/or smell, please call us and let us know. We can discuss when it will be safe for you to obtain dental care, and direct you to your physician.

- Our team will not be shaking hands with anyone and while the friendliness of our team permeates through our office culture and we show that by gestures like shaking hands, we will be avoiding any unnecessary contact. We will be wearing masks at all times, even during conversations, for your protection.

- All patients are asked to wash their hands before treatment and after treatment with soap and water. We have set up multiple 'touchless' hand washing stations for everyone to use.

- We will be staggering patient appointments so only a few people are in the office at any given time, and therefore large distances can be maintained between individuals. We will check out one patient at a time.

Our normal daily operations have always included:

- All surfaces in the appointment room, including the dental chair, dental light, and all drawers and countertops have been cleaned and decontaminated.

- Non-disposable items such as forceps, scalpels, scalers and surgical burs are all sterilized after each use using either pressurized steam (auto-claving), dry heat, and heat/chemical vapor. Also, all dental tools that come in contact with mucous membranes, but do not penetrate soft tissues (like mirrors and reusable impression trays), are either sterilized in the above manner, or disinfected using high-level "sterilant/disinfectant."
Lastly, needles, gloves and masks are all considered single-use, and as such are disposed of as would be expected.

We have been an integral part of the dental community in Davie since 1960. We understand the need to postpone elective and cosmetic treatment at a time like this. We cannot turn our back on the community that we have always provided care for. We are here for you should you need us.

This is an unprecedented time for everyone and we sincerely hope and pray that life returns to normal. Until then, as healthcare providers, we want you to know that you can depend on us during this time.