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Dear Patient:

We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. Our community has been through a lot over the last few months, and all of us are looking forward to resuming our normal habits and routines. While many things have changed, one thing has remained the same: our commitment to your safety.

Infection control has always been a top priority for our practice and you may have seen this during your visits to our office. Our infection control processes are made so that when you receive care, it's both safe and comfortable. We want to tell you about the infection control procedures we follow in our practice to keep patients and staff safe.

Our office follows infection control recommendations made by the American Dental Association (ADA), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). We follow the activities of these agencies so that we are up-to-date on any new rulings or guidance that may be issued.

You may see some changes when it is time for your next appointment. We made these changes to help protect our patients and staff. For example:

- Our office will communicate with you beforehand to ask some screening questions. You'll be asked those same questions again when you are in the office.
- We have hand sanitizer that we will ask you to use when you enter the office. You will also find some in the reception area and other places in the office for you to use as needed.
- You may see that our waiting room will no longer offer magazines, children's toys and so forth, since those items are difficult to clean and disinfect.
- Appointments will be managed to allow for social distancing between patients. That might mean that you're offered fewer options for scheduling your appointment.
- We will do our best to allow greater time between patients to reduce waiting times for you, as well as to reduce the number of patients in the reception area at any one time.

We look forward to seeing you again and are happy to answer any questions you may have about the steps we take to keep you, and every patient, safe in our practice. To make an appointment, please call our office at 925/755-1100 or visit our website at www.drkennethdupree.com.

Thank you for being our patient. We value your trust and loyalty and look forward to welcoming back our patients, neighbors and friends.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Dupree, DMD and Staff

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Patient Consent

Supplemental Informed Consent:
Dental Treatment in the Era of COVID-19

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, also known as “coronavirus,” at any time or in any place. Be assured that we continue to follow state and federal regulations as well as recommended universal personal protective equipment (PPE) and disinfection protocols to limit transmission of all diseases in our office.

Despite our careful attention to sterilization, disinfection and the use of personal barriers, there is still a chance that you could be exposed to an illness in our office, just as you might be exposed at your gym, grocery store or favorite restaurant. Nationwide social distancing has reduced the transmission of the coronavirus. Although we have taken measures to enable 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, dental healthcare team members and sometimes other patients at all times.

Although exposure is unlikely, do you accept the risk and consent to treatment?

Yes _____ No _____

Patient/Parent’s Signature

Date