**Dental Guidelines for Oregon and Washington:**

***All dental patient care- Phase I***

* Continue Screening and curbside care
* No at risk patients for in clinic (unless deemed emergent)
	+ 65+
	+ CDC/ADA guidelines conditions
* Non patients entering office:
	+ One parent of young child 13 and under
	+ Children 14 and over seen without parent unless parent declines
	+ No Siblings/spouses/children/parents
* Maintain current provider/staff reduction plans, will readdress at each phase
	+ Return providers and staff based on demand
	+ No Hygiene
	+ No Expanded Hygiene
* ½ schedules to start utilizing every other chairs for social distancing
* Waiting rooms utilized
	+ Limit waiting rooms to 25% of original chairs and space out
	+ Patient calls office at arrival from car
	+ Patient waits in car until called to come in
* All procedures can be scheduled as needed
	+ No Implants
	+ Prioritize child recalls and restorative
	+ Prioritize adult endo and critical restorative (existing treatment plans)
* Covid testing for invasive procedures (Endo/Restorative)
	+ Lab test completed by medical curbside provider 3 days ahead of appointment
		- YVFWC requires Covid testing results required before appointment
	+ The Dental provider will order the COVID test in EPIC
	+ 
	+ The patient will be sent through the COVID drive through to have the test completed
	+ The result must be in the chart prior to the procedure

***PPE Requirements:***

*Please refer to the YVFWC COVID Action Plan, the N95 Re-Use Policy, and the Universal Masking Policy for further guidance.*

1. Routine care where aerosols are not expected
	* Gloves (nitrile)
	* Cloth gowns to be laundered after each use
	* Eye protection (goggles ) with surgical mask, or
	* Eye protection (face shield) with a surgical mask
	* Goggles and face shields - Disinfect between patients
		+ Follow YVFWC Infection Control Policies and the COVID Action Plan

1. Clinical procedures which are invasive and produce aerosols are anticipated.
	* Gloves (nitrile)
	* Disposable gowns to be discarded after each patient.
	* Eye protection (face shield) - N95
		+ Preferably welder’s style shield with head covering
	* Head covering as needed

### *When staff are wearing a mask, the mask must be worn properly, to put on (Don) the mask:*

1| Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before touching the mask.

2| Remove a mask from the box and make sure there are no obvious tears or holes in either side of the mask.

3| Determine which side of the mask is the top.

a| The side of the mask that has a stiff bendable edge is the top and is meant to mold to the shape of your nose.

4| Determine which side of the mask is the front.

a| The colored side of the mask is usually the front and should face away from you, while the white side touches your face.

5| Follow the instructions below for the type of mask you are using.

a| *Face Mask with Ear loops:*

i| Hold the mask by the ear loops. Place a loop around each ear.

b| *Face Mask with Ties:*

i| Bring the mask to your nose level, place the ties over the crown of your head, and secure with a bow.

c| *Face Mask with Bands:*

i| Hold the mask in your hand with the nosepiece or top of the mask at fingertips, allowing the headbands to hang freely below hands.

ii| Bring the mask to your nose level and pull the top strap over your head so that it rests over the crown of your head.

iii| Pull the bottom strap over your head so that it rests at the nape of your neck.

6| Mold or pinch the stiff edge to the shape of your nose.

7| If using a facemask with ties:

a| Then take the bottom ties, one in each hand, and secure with a bow at the nape of your neck.

8| Pull the bottom of the mask over your mouth and chin.

### *How to Remove (Doff) the Mask*

1| Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before touching the mask.

2| Avoid touching the front of the mask.

a| The front of the mask is contaminated.

b| Only touch the ear loops/ties/band.

3| Follow the instructions below for the type of mask you are using.

a| Face Mask with Ear loops:

i| Hold both of the ear loops and gently lift and remove the mask.

b| Face Mask with Ties:

i| Untie the bottom bow first then untie the top bow and pull the mask away from you as the ties are loosened.

c| Face Mask with Bands:

i| Lift the bottom strap over your headfirst then pull the top strap over your head.

4| When the mask is removed during the workday ( i.e. for meals) or when leaving the clinic:

a| Facemasks should be carefully folded so that the outer surface is held inward and against itself to reduce contact with the outer surface during storage.

b| The folded mask can be stored between uses in a clean sealable paper bag or breathable container.

### *Conservation of Personal Protective Equipment*

1| YVFWC currently has an adequate, but not inexhaustible, stock of PPE

a| In an effort to maintain the supply, conservation of PPE

b| In the event the supply of procedure specific PPE prohibits the above strategy, distribution of specific items will be prioritized based on the highest risk clinical activities.

*Scheduling*

* Stagger appointments so that patients aren’t checking in and checking out at the same time.
	+ Patients should be advised to call when they arrive to their appointment and wait until they are contacted to come into the clinic
	+ Utilize every other operatory and allow an hour between aerosolizing procedures
	+ Continue to utilize tele-dentistry to triage those patients with urgent needs

*Hygiene*

* Hand scaling should be utilized primarily
* No use of Cavitron
* A tooth brush prophylaxis can be used on younger children
* If a prophy cup is utilized, then high volume suction is necessary