

Positive Screening to COVID-19 Questions and Dental Care Procedure

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**PURPOSE:** To reduce the possible spread of COVID-19 during dental procedures, HealthLinc will screen for and prohibit dental procedures for patients who have or are suspected of having COVID-19.

**RELATED POLICY: NONE  
  
PROCEDURE:**

HealthLinc will screen all patients for symptoms of acute respiratory illness during the following touch points

1) When the appointment is scheduled

2) Upon entry into HealthLinc facility

3) During the Phreesia interview

Positive responses to any of the screening questions will be reviewed for accuracy. If verified as accurate the patient should be triaged by medical personnel.

Under no circumstances should a patient who has or is suspected of having COVID-19 be admitted for routine dental care. Patients that have or are suspected of having COVID-19 should be treated following “Airborne” precautions as defined by the CDC. The “Airborne” precautions are not available at HealthLinc and must be performed in a hospital or other so equipped facility.

A patient will be eligible for elective dental services once either of these conditions is met:

* Patients that have had confirmed COVID-19 and have been asymptomatic for 14 days after a positive COVID test.
* Alternatively, if no diagnostic test was administered 10 days since the start of symptoms or 3 days following symptom resolution, whichever is greater.

All patients will be asked to contact the office if they develop symptoms of acute respiratory illness 14 days after their appointment. Staff should immediately contact the CDO for review upon notification by a patient.

**RELATED PROCEDURES: NONE**

**RELATED FORMS: NONE**