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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. We do this to make sure that our infection control procedures are current and adhere to each agencies' recommendations.

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 as well as have your temperature taken by a staff member when you are in the office.
- We will request that you **bring your own pen** to use in the office and **bring and wear a mask/clean face covering** at all times from entry to exit except when receiving dental treatment.
- 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 many brochures since those items are difficult to clean and disinfect.
- Appointments will be managed to allow for social distancing between patients. While we will always do our best to accommodate your scheduling preferences, this may mean that you're offered fewer options for scheduling your appointment.
- No one may accompany the patient unless the patient is a minor or the additional person is a care taker who must assist the patient.
- All new patients must print and complete their paperwork at home and either scan and email it to vitafrontdesk@gmail.com OR fax it to our office fax: 973-777-4727.
- 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 these and all the other steps we take to keep you, and every patient, safe in our practice. To make an appointment, please call our office at 973-777-1933. Thank you for being our patient. We value your trust and loyalty and look forward to welcoming back all of our patients, neighbors and friends.

Sincerely,

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