COVID-19 DOC Dental Services Protocol  
Effective: July 20, 2020 until Rescinded- Version 5

**Updates:**

3/17/2020: No longer providing any removable prosthodontic treatment due to the generation of aerosols during the use of lab burs to do adjustments of prosthetics.

3/26/2020: Clarification and modification of previously offered dental services.

4/2/2020: Update of required PPE for dental treatments

7/20/2020: Update on denture services, PPE update, Clarification on location of where and when dental services are provided

**Purpose:** To mitigate the risk of exposure and to protect staff and patients.

**Reason:** When dealing with a contagious agent that is spread by droplet contact, we need to recognize the need to manage the generation of aerosols. The changes to dental services within DOC seeks to maintain a reasonable level of service during this time for our patients, while reducing risk.

**Dental services provided during COVID-19 pandemic:**

Procedures that are not deemed urgent or an emergency and those that generate aerosols (ex. Use of handpiece, prophyl angles or ultrasonic scalers) are suspended until further notice.

The following procedures are allowed:

* Urgent and Emergency Dental Care (using high-volume evacuation only)
  - Be sure to document and determine the risk to the patient if choosing to delay the procedure.

Intake Screenings

Limited Oral Examinations (sick call evaluations)

Oral Radiology

Denture Services (use of handpieces are allowed after disinfecting prosthesis. Patients can be seen in non-isolated operatories inside of the dental clinic)

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*If a handpiece was used during the urgent or emergency dental procedure (denture services not included): Everything in the isolated dental operatory must be thoroughly disinfected and the operatory may not be occupied for 4 hours after disinfection.

**If a patient declares a dental urgency, dental emergency, or is requesting denture services while in medical isolation or quarantine they must complete the quarantine/isolation period per protocol prior to receiving treatment in the dental clinic. Exceptions can only be approved by the Chief of Dentistry (360-628-3686) or Headquarters’ Medical Duty Officer (564-999-1845) in coordination with your facility Incident Command Post (ICP).**

Reminder: All COVID-19 related questions should be submitted to DOCcovid19@doc1.wa.gov

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