

King Square Dental Practice Operating Procedure

Telephone contact with
reception

Patient risk assessed for Covid-19

1. Do they have a persistent cough?
2. Do they have a temperature (<37.8° C)
3. Do they have anosmia (a loss of or change in your normal sense of smell or taste)
4. Are they self-isolating? Are they living with anybody who is self-isolating

If suspected Covid-19 positive patient/household member – no treatment at Practice. If emergency and patient has tried Advice, Analgesics and Antimicrobials, still has significant discomfort/pain/infection/bleeding or other emergency refer to Urgent Dental Care hub

NOT Covid-19 positive patient/in household. Appointment booked by reception.

Patient warned of risk of attending the practice (transmission of Covid-19 from dental team to them, and from them to dental team). Patients informed of what to expect when they enter the practice. Asked to leave bags and coats in car. Ideally, removable prostheses removed prior to entering the practice.

Dental surgery has been disinfected after previous appointment. **Surgeries 1,2,3,4 and 5 are left vacated for 10 minutes prior to clean after high aerosol exposure risk procedure provided that high volume suction is used. If no high volume suction is used and the procedure lasts more than 5 minutes then fallow time will be 15 minutes prior to clean.** No patient is allowed in surgery during Fallow time. **MECHANICAL AIR EXTRACTION and AIR PURIFIERS** to be used at maximum settings

Patient instructed to park as close to King Square Dental Practice as possible and phone 01278 422555 when they arrive. Patient temperature taken on arrival to ensure under 37.8° C (if over, patient sent home, consider referral to UDC hub). Receptionist directs patient to use alcohol gel together with gloves and facial mask

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Non-AGP :

Appropriate PPE for Non-AGP donned –
Apron, IIR mask, visor, gloves

AGP :

Appropriate PPE for AGP donned – Apron &
long sleeve protection/gown, FFP3 mask,
visor, gloves, surgical cap

Patient has pre-treatment
60 sec rinse with hydrogen
peroxide

Verbal consent gained for treatment. Any forms that would normally require a signature will be signed by a member of the dental team on behalf of the patient as 'Covid-19'.

Single room Air Conditioning can be used in the surgery

Anaesthesia administered, radiograph taken if appropriate.
Treatment carried out.
If AGP, high volume aspiration used (and rubber dam where appropriate)
Post-op instructions given
If XLA, patient to leave with gauze in place

Dentist and nurse clear away equipment into
dirty box, vacate the room while removing PPE
by the door.

**Fallow time is calculated from the point that
the AGP ceases; not the end of the patient
appointment time.**

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After fallow time, nurse to clean surgery

If required, patients arrange a follow up appointment.