## **Dental Offices Stay Open Amid Corona Virus Resurgence**

While COVID-19 cases are on the rise, dental offices across the U.S. will not quiver in fear from the virus. Many US states are allowing dental offices to continue operations after months of being restricted from providing routine dental service.

**Nevada**, **Las Vegas**, **Jul 7**, **2021** (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - Nevada is one of the 40 US states that is permitting dental offices to fully re-open and provide services beyond emergency care. In March, the state ordered a shutdown of dental offices for routine services like cleanings, fillings, and crowns. This changed in May when dental offices across the state were allowed to resume their routine procedures. However, not all dental offices have chosen to take advantage of this opportunity. This is partially due to some offices having difficulty maintaining ample supplies of protective gear (or PPE's) and may also be due to apprehension about the contamination risks involved with re-opening.

While potential risk kept some dental practices closed, other dental offices were all too happy to fully reopen with routine services to help their patients continue to maintain their oral health. One of these providers is <u>Functional Aesthetic Dentistry</u> in Las Vegas, NV. After careful analysis of the risks involved with re-opening and the essential nature of routine dental care, this dental office is taking all of the needed precautions to help ensure the safety of both their patients and staff. However, following safety protocol is making routine visits not so quite routine for every everyone involved. Patients can expect some unconventional changes that may take months before removal, while others may become more permanent.

The first difference in current practices compared to pre-pandemic levels is that patients will receive a phone call 1-2 days prior to their scheduled appointment. During this time, they will be verbally screened for symptoms of COVID-19 over a preliminary call. If they have no symptoms, the dental patient will be asked to remain in their vehicles once they arrive at the dental office. A staff member will then meet them outside to check their temperature and ensure they are still Asymptomatic.

In addition to these precautions, all staff members will be wearing M3 N95 masks, face plates, and sterile jackets or gowns to be swapped out between patients. Functional Aesthetic Dentistry is also spacing appointments so that staff members have plenty of time to sanitize exam rooms, waiting rooms, and bathrooms thoroughly between patients. It's also quite possible that in some dental practices, patients will be asked to leave their appointment via a back door to comply with social distancing.

Dr. Suffoletta stated, "the pandemic has hit everyone extremely hard, whether you're a business owner or not. Although our essential services were limited, we were still considered essential in many other aspects. I believe that dental care is essential to overall health and making sure that our patients have that essential care is highly important to my team and I. That's why we've taken additional measures to improve our overall safety at the practice and to better care for our patients."

Functional Aesthetic Dentistry wants their patients to know that they are not taking their full re-opening lightly. They understand there are associated risks and are going above and beyond CDC guidelines for preserving the safety of everyone they serve, as well as those who are on the front line serving them. Not all of their patients have chosen to venture out for dental care during the pandemic, but those who have are relieved that they no longer have to postpone essential routine dental care.

## Functional Aesthetic Dentistry & Dr. Suffoletta

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