**COVID – 19 Update from the Alabama Board of Dental Examiners**

**On April 29th, the Board that licenses dental providers for Alabama met and lifted the previous limitations on procedures that a dentist may provide and also issued protocols for “return to practice” in response to COVID-19 guidelines issued by the CDC and the Alabama Department of Public Health.**

**With these new instructions, Dr. Ellzey will now be scheduling patients for all procedures including routine dental hygiene appointments that were postponed with the previous restrictions.**

**Dr. Ellzey’s office will be contacting patients to reset these deferred appointments or you may call the office and schedule your appointment.**

* **Office Number: 334 – 358 – 4252**
* **Text: 334 – 207 – 5964 (Appointment Confirmation Number)**

**Below are some of the guidelines that Dr. Ellzey will continue to follow, as mandated by the various state agencies:**

* **The scheduled patient will remain in the vehicle and call / text the office upon arrival and will enter Dr. Ellzey’s office only once notified. This is to ensure that the office and treatment areas have been properly disinfected between patients and to ensure social distancing. Office Number is 334 – 358 – 4252 or Office Text 334 – 201 – 1165.**
* **Only the patient (with one parent / caregiver, if the patient has a disability) will be allowed with the patient in the office.**
* **All patients will have their hands sanitized before entering the treatment room. Also, please wash your hands and brush your teeth thoroughly before coming to the office.**
* **Patients will be asked to rinse / gargle for 60 seconds with a 1% hydrogen peroxide / antiviral rinse prior to treatment.**
* **As always, Dr. Ellzey and the office staff will wear appropriate garments and use disposable mask and gloves.**
* **Dr. Ellzey’s office will continue sanitizing and disinfecting procedures between each patient in both the treatment and other areas in the office.**
* **Social distancing at check-in and check-out will be maintained.**
* **If the patient does not feel well or develops a temperature, notify Dr. Ellzey’s office so that the appointment can be rescheduled.**

**Dr. Ellzey and his Staff look forward to continuing to provide you and your family with quality, cost effective and comprehensive dental care in a safe environment.**