

**Consent for Emergency Dental Treatment
During COVID-19 Pandemic**

Dental Emergency Diagnosis:

Canadian Public Health authorities and the Provincial Dental Regulators have ordered that to help prevent the spread of the Novel Corona Virus, dentists may only perform dental treatments for patients who have a dental emergency.

A dental emergency is defined as any of the following:

- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Severe pain that cannot be alleviated by medication alone
- Infections that cannot be controlled by medication alone
- Trauma to the face/mouth/teeth

Risk of Infection:

The best available scientific evidence is that the Novel Corona Virus which causes COVID-19 is transmitted through droplets which can be caused by sneezing or coughing which releases droplets into the air or on to surfaces. Certain medical and dental procedures can create a fine spray of water or particles into the air. The virus is known to be able to survive on surfaces for an extended period of time.

This office follows all requirements for Infection Control and Prevention, including all enhanced directives issued by the Canadian Centre for Disease Control and related Federal and Provincial health authorities. Our clinic and all treatment areas are sterilized frequently, including after each dental procedure and patient visit. We are taking all the necessary precautions to prevent transmission of the Novel Corona Virus along with any and all other infection causing viruses or bacteria. Despite these efforts, given the unique attributes of the Novel Corona Virus, there may be an elevated risk of infection.

Acknowledgement and Consent:

By signing this consent form I confirm that I am suffering from one or more of the symptoms of a dental emergency as described in this consent form. I hereby consent to treatment of my dental emergency despite any possible elevated risks associated with treatment during this time of COVID-19 pandemic.

Patient Name

Patient Signature

Date