



## **PATIENT INFORMED CONSENT**

**(In the Era of COVID-19)**

As with the transmission of any communicable disease like a cold or the flu, you have the potential to be exposed to COVID-19, also known as "Corona Virus," at any time or in any place. Be assured that we have always followed state and federal regulations and recommended universal personal protection and disinfection protocols to limit transmission of all diseases in our office. As we continue to do so, you will see we are taking extreme measures to ensure your safety as well as the safety of our staff. In addition to our recommended sterilization processes, we have implemented a new hands-free "high volume evacuation" (HVE) system that drastically cuts down on the aerosol cloud of particulate matter during dental procedures.

Despite our careful attention to sterilization, disinfection, and use of personal barriers, there is still a chance that you could be exposed to an illness in our office, just as you might be at your gym, grocery store, or favorite restaurant. "Social Distancing" nationwide has reduced the transmission of the Coronavirus. Although we have taken measures to provide social distancing in our practice, due to the nature of the procedures we provide, it is not possible to maintain social distancing between the patients, dentist, dental staff and sometimes other patients at all times.

I consent to treatment and understand the inherent risk associated with this novel virus.

Print name (you or your child) \_\_\_\_\_

Patient/Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_