

<b>ESSENTIAL &amp; EMERGENT VS NON-ESSENTIAL DENTAL PROCEDURES</b>			
<p>***Dentists need to use the following simply as a guide and make judgment calls on the urgency of a procedure</p> <p>***Please note all procedures should also consider risk factors associated with demographics more susceptible to COVID-19 such as as elderly patients</p> <p>***Refer to your state regulations for specific mandates and guidelines</p>			
<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Procedure Type</b>	<b>Essential &amp; Emergent</b>	<b>Non Essential</b>
RESTORATIVE	Fillings/Restorations		
	Incipient to Mild Decay		x
	Moderate Decay		x
	Severe Decay	x	
	Fracture tooth repair		
	Pain	x	
	No Pain (If patient feels uncomfortable, consider that patient in pain)		x
	Crown		
	***consider delaying crown if possible to focus on emergent care		
	Crowns to be completed if necessary to restore function from fracture or	x	
	Proactive replacement of restoration without decay		x
	Veneers		x
	Bridges		x
COSMETICS			x
ENDODONTICS	Root Canal Therapy or Retreatment (Anterior, Premolar, Posterior)		
	Active Infection	x	
	Patient in Pain	x	
	Swelling or cellulitis	x	
ORAL SURGERY	Extractions		
	Active Infection	x	
	Patient in Pain	x	
	Swelling or cellulitis	x	
	Third Molar without the above symptoms		x
	Asymptomatic - Medically Compromised patient	x	
	Facial Trauma	x	
	Biopsy(to support pathology diagnosis)	x	
	Cellulitis/ Incision and Drainage	x	
	Implants		x
TMJ with dysfunction and/or pain	x		
HYGIENE PROCEDURE	New Patient		x
	Recall		x
	Continuing Care		x
PERIODONTAL PROCEDURES	Scaling and Root Planning		
	Stage 1-2		x
	Stage 3 - doctors to use judgment	x	x
	Stage 4	x	
	Periodontal Maintenance		x
	Debridement of Acute Periodontal Abscess	x	
	Osseous Surgery for painful, acute infection	x	
	Soft Tissue Grafting		x
	Crown Lengthening		x
EMERGENCY PATIENTS	Any existing and new patient with urgent needs should be seen to decrease	x	
ORTHODONTICS	New Bandings		x
	New Start - Clear Aligners		x
	Patient complications (wire or bracket fractures)	x	
	Recall (brackets or aligners)		x
	Debond		x
	***Doctor to make judgment on if recall has had an extended time period		
PEDIATRICS	***Follow guidelines above for specific procedures for pediatric patients.		