



As the facts and situation around COVID-19 (coronavirus) continue to evolve, your care and safety and the safety of our team is our top priority. In an effort to continue bringing property oral healthcare to our patients, we have created this guide of “**Essential, Non-Essential and Emergency**” dental procedures during this time of national emergency. Please note that this is only meant to be a GUIDE and that a dentist’s judgement of the situation should be the ultimate deciding factor. *Please note that this list can change based on our knowledge of the COVID-19 virus and recommendations of the American Dental Association, California Dental Association and city/state regulations.*

### What is considered “Essential” and what is considered “Emergency”?

**Essential** treatments are those which should be treated in order to prevent a dental emergency that may occur in the near future. That time frame is unknown and is based on the doctor’s assessment. By providing *essential* treatments, we can prevent situations where our dental patients have to visit hospital ERs and preventing our doctors from focusing on the current COVID situation.

**Emergency** treatments are those which address trauma, severe pain, swelling, and infection. These are the patients that if not seen by the dentist in a timely manner, will ultimately end up seeking treatment in our ERs. Should they feel these symptoms, they should contact their dentist and be seen in a timely manner.

*Please remember, if you are showing signs of the COVID-19 virus to first, contact your primary care physician via phone prior to going to the office or the ER. By doing so, you will help the spread of the virus to other people who may be seeking care for other reasons.*

### RESTORATIVE PROCEDURES:

Procedure Type	Emergency	Essential	Non-Essential
<b>Fillings/Restorations</b>			
Incipient to Mild Decay			X
Moderate Decay		X	
Severe Decay	X	X	
<b>Tooth Fractures</b>			
Pain (Includes pain & “discomfort”)	X	X	
No Pain			X
<b>Crowns</b>			
Initiation of Moderate-Severe Decay and completion of treatment (RCT)		X	
Delivery of prepared teeth to prevent future complications/emergencies		X	
Veneers			X
Pro-Active Replacement			X



**HYGIENE:**

<b>Procedure Type</b>	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Non-Essential</b>
New Patient (No Pain)			X
Recall			X
Continuing Care			X
SRP of patients WITH health risk factors		X	
SRP of healthy patients			X
Perio maintenance of patients WITH health risk factors		X	

**ORAL SURGERY:**

<b>Procedure Type</b>	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Non-Essential</b>
Active Infection	X	X	
Patient in Pain	X	X	
Swelling or cellulitis	X	X	
Third molars WITHOUT above symptoms			X
Implants			X

**ENDODONTICS:**

<b>Procedure Type</b>	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Non-Essential</b>
Active infection	X	X	
Patient in pain	X	X	
Swelling or cellulitis	X	X	

**PROSTHODONTICS:**

<b>Procedure Type</b>	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Non-Essential</b>
Bridges			X
Dentures/removables to facilitate patients' ability to eat		X	

**COSMETICS:**

<b>Procedure Type</b>	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Non-Essential</b>
Whitening			X
Beaching, Veneers			X

**ORTHODONTICS:**

<b>Procedure Type</b>	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Non-Essential</b>
Invisalign treatment			X