

Coronavirus Update March 18, 2020

To our patients and community,

On Monday, March 16, all MN dental offices received notice from the MN Board of Dentistry that recommends all dental clinics provide ONLY emergency dental services for the next two weeks. This means that elective and non-emergent services and procedures are recommended to be rescheduled and postponed.

These recommendations are measured and include the following rationale among others:

1. The shortages in personal protective equipment (gloves, masks, protective eyewear, etc.) are significant at this time. Reducing dental visits allows the dental community to preserve this critical equipment for emergency dental care and frontline health care providers responding to Covid-19.
2. Shifting our focus to emergency dental care will ensure that patients experiencing pain or problems that cannot wait can be taken care of in a timely manner while still protecting the public by reducing the number of people in the office and promoting social distancing.
3. Seeing emergency patients will also keep dental emergencies out of hospital emergency departments and urgent care clinics which will likely be overwhelmed and carry a higher risk of exposure to Covid-19.

Marshall Dental Excellence has a scheduled closure during the week of March 16-20. Beginning Tuesday, March 24th, Marshall Dental Excellence will only be providing emergency dental care during limited time frames. If you have an appointment between March 24th and March 30th, your appointment will be rescheduled. We will be in touch with you to reschedule after March 30th.

By following this recommendation, we are coming alongside our frontline health care providers to reduce infections and point resources at the most critical needs we face. Marshall Dental Excellence also encourages our patients and community to practice social distancing and stay home except for essentials. We can all work together to flatten the curve and reduce the impact of Covid-19. We can make a difference.

We are committed to being as responsive as possible for your questions and emergency dental needs. From now until March 30th, please call our office at 507-537-1052 if you are experiencing dental pain or swelling, and we will schedule you to take care of your emergency need.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Andrew Frerich