

# Elkton Bear Dental Arts

## Patient Screening Protocol

ALL patients entering Elkton Bear Dental Arts (EBDA) shall be screened by an EBDA staff (no exceptions). The following screening steps are as follows:

1. Patients are asked if they have symptoms of respiratory infection (fever, cough, shortness of breath, severe sore throat, muscle aches, chills, shaking with chills, or new loss of taste or smell).
  - If YES, but symptoms have a known cause (asthma, COPD, chronic sinusitis, etc.), Dr. Baker or medical personnel should weigh risks for COVID-19 exposure and consider sending the patient home.
  - If YES, or employee otherwise symptomatic and considered at risk for COVID-19 exposure, the patient should isolate at home and follow up with their healthcare provider.
  - If NO, proceed to next step
2. Patients are asked if they have been in *close contact* (e.g., within 6 feet for more than a few minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection? (note: this does not apply to healthcare workers using appropriate PPE)
  - If YES, Any person responding “Yes” to questions above or who has a temperature of 99.5 or higher will be sent home. Patients that are sent home may not return to the office until they are fever free for 24 hours. Patients should contact their health care provider and/or the Delaware Division of Public Health Coronavirus Information Line at 1-866-408-1899.
3. Patients will have their temperature taken by approved thermometers provided by the office.

Patient appointments will be rescheduled if they:

1. Have a fever of 99.5
2. Have a symptoms of respiratory infection (fever, cough, shortness of breath, severe sore throat, muscle aches, chills, shaking with chills, or new loss of taste or smell.)
3. Have been instructed by public health to quarantine
4. Have tested positive for COVID-19
5. Have had close sustained contact (<6ft away) with another person who has a **positive** COVID-19 test (this does not include people who were tested but do not yet know their result)
6. Have had close sustained contact (<6ft away) with another person who has been **[instructed by public health](#)** to quarantine themselves (this does not include people who self-quarantine out of caution)

Patients will be required to call the office upon their arrival for their scheduled appointment. Patients will wait in the vehicles until the time of their appointment. All patients must wear a face mask or other cloth covering when entering the office (no exceptions).