

## **Dr Paul D Ellzey, DDS: COVID and FLU SEASON - Precautions and Protocols**

**Dr Paul Ellzey, DDS continues to adhere to the COVID guidelines issued by the Alabama Dental Board and the American Dental Association (ADA), along with other protocols as part of routine care to maintain the most stringent safety environment. In addition, Dr Ellzey attends continuing education each year to ensure that he is following all safety procedures for his patients. Regular dental visits are important because treatment, as well as prevention of dental disease, helps keep people healthy and helps to avoid unnecessary trips to the hospital emergency room to seek relief from dental pain and infection. As part of the prevention and treatment of dental disease, patient and dental team safety is always a foremost concern of Dr Ellzey. In order to protect patients and staff from infection, below are just some of the hygiene and safety measures that are always in place at Dr Ellzey's office.**

- Dental staff thoroughly wash their hands with disinfectant soap between each patient. Hand sanitizer is provided for all patients.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn by Dr Ellzey and assisting staff for all procedures and includes protective eyewear, surgical gloves and masks.
- After each patient is seen and treated, PPE and any other disposable materials used during a treatment are properly disposed in biohazard containers. Used needles are disposed in special sharps containers.
- Dental instruments are thoroughly sterilized. Where appropriate, single use disposable items are used.
- Treatment rooms are completely disinfected between patients.
- All counter tops are thoroughly disinfected between patients.
- All OSHA regulations are followed for a clean and safe environment and staff receive OSHA training each year.

**If you have Covid or Flu symptoms or have been exposed within 10 days of your appointment, please contact our office promptly so that your appointment can be rescheduled.**