



COVID-19 Assumption of Risk, Release, and Waiver of Liability Agreement

DISCLAIMER: This document is intended to describe the purpose of the COVID-19 Assumption of Risk, Release, and Waiver of Liability Agreement (“Agreement”) that must be signed prior to receiving periodontal services. However, this document is NOT legal guidance and is NOT intended to replace your own independent review of the Agreement.

- 1) We have taken what we believe are all reasonable and acceptable precautions to lessen the risk of spread of COVID-19 in our office, but we cannot promise that patients are without risk.
- 2) The Agreement waives the office’s liability for any harm, loss, or damage occurring to a patient in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. By signing the Agreement, you agree not to sue this office, its owners, or any of its personnel for any injuries or losses related to COVID 19.
- 3) COVID-19 is classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization. Government regulators throughout the United States, along with recognized scientific authorities, have counseled that individuals limit travel and physical contact where possible.
- 4) COVID-19 is known to be highly contagious. As a result, this office cannot ensure that patients will not come into contact with COVID-19 while at this office or while traveling to and from this office, despite any precautions that this office may take.
- 5) Exposure to COVID-19 is known to be dangerous and potentially fatal. The virus carries inherent risks associated both with infection and treatment, as well as the potential for lasting conditions.
- 6) The risk of coming into contact with COVID-19 carries with it the risk of infecting others. It is important to understand that any contact with other people carries with it some risk of the subsequent spread of COVID-19, directly or indirectly, to people outside of this office.
- 7) The COVID-19 pandemic is a new situation for all of us. It is important to understand that there likely are risks associated with COVID-19 that are not fully understood or documented. It is important to understand that, by choosing to seek treatment during this pandemic, a patient may be exposed to risks of an unspecified nature.
- 8) If a patient feels that they are unprepared to assume the risks associated with treatment, that patient is encouraged to postpone or decline treatment.
- 9) The Agreement, this document, and any conversations related to the Agreement do not constitute legal advice. Patients are encouraged to seek legal counsel if they are unsure of whether to sign the Agreement.