

Infectious Disease Policy

The WCCCD Dental Clinic is committed to providing quality preventive dental care in a safe environment. Dental healthcare workers have an obligation to provide care to all members of the public who come to the dental clinic for treatment, regardless of a patient's infectious disease status. It is the policy of the WCCCD Dental Clinic that no patient will be denied treatment because of an infectious disease with the exception of those procedures that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Public Health Services have determined must be provided in a more controlled environment (for example, active infection with tuberculosis).

To maintain a safe environment and minimize the transmission of infectious disease in the dental healthcare setting, it is the policy of the WCCCD Dental Clinic that standard precautions including, but not limited to gloves, face masks, and protective eyewear will be used during patient treatment.

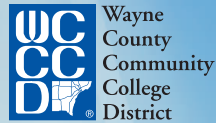
It is also the policy of the WCCCD Dental Clinic that instrument/items used during treatment are either heat sterilized or disposed of according to the local, state, and federal guidelines regarding waste management.

It is also the policy of the WCCCD Dental Clinic that members of the dental healthcare team providing treatment are required to submit information regarding their health status, including but not limited to infectious diseases and immunizations against infectious diseases such as the hepatitis B virus, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, chicken pox, and tetanus. Proof of recent testing for tuberculosis is also required.

Patients to be seen for treatment the WCCCD Dental Clinic are also required to complete a medical history including, but not limited to information on infectious diseases.

It is also the policy of the WCCCD Dental Clinic that upon review of the information provided, the supervising faculty member may request additional information from the patient's physician prior to the beginning of treatment. All information is treated in an ethical and confidential manner according to professional and governmental standards.

As a patient in the WCCCD Dental Clinic, you are welcome to ask any member of the dental healthcare team, providing your care, to explain these infection control procedures further.



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Healthcare safety is a concern for everyone. We take the responsibility for the safety of our students, patients, faculty and staff very seriously. This brochure has been prepared to help explain the infection control procedures used at Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD).

Standard Precautions

All procedures performed by our students, faculty and staff are designed to accomplish good infection control with every patient. This is called applying “standard precautions” infection control measures that are the same for every patient.

These include:

- Wearing Gloves
- Changing gloves and washing hands between patients
- Using disposable items that can be thrown out after each use
- Sterilizing or disinfecting instruments and equipment that can be reused

What We Do

Before you enter the treatment area, the dental unit and chair are cleaned and disinfected. All dental instruments are either sterilized or disinfected, as appropriate for the type of material.



Virtually all instruments can withstand high heat. They are first cleaned and then sterilized by one of the several proven methods that use high heat.



Those few items that cannot be heat sterilized or disposed of after treatment are first cleaned and then disinfected with special disinfectants.

Both of these methods are approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Dental Association.

Sterilization of Handpieces

We are pleased to inform you that all of our dental instruments and handpieces are cleaned, lubricated, and heat sterilized between each patient use.

The American Dental Association has recommended heat sterilization of handpieces and other small equipment. Modern technology has made it possible to sterilize all reusable handpieces.

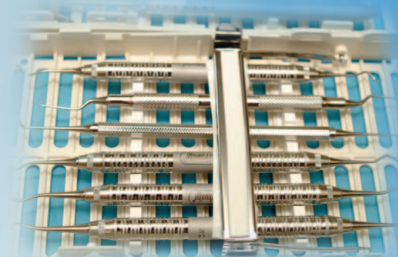
Checklist for Patients

We care about the health and well-being of all our patients and employees. To prove this for yourself, use the following checklist next time you visit us to note how we perform each item:

- Washing hands
- Wearing protective clothing
- Appropriate sterilization and disinfection
- Providing wrapped and sterile instruments



- Properly disinfecting and sterilizing handpieces
- Using disposable items
- Proper disposal of waste



We are very conscious of using all precautions to promote a safe environment for you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give the Dental Hygiene Program a call before your next appointment at 313-943-4010. We are very proud of our infection control program and are happy to discuss it with you.

