# Ready to Reopen

A series of information and best practices to minimize infections when treating patients

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## We partner with professionals to improve lives.

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way we live, work, and practice dentistry. We have a responsibility, right now, to help you prepare your practices and clinical staff for when patients return.

With this document we want to share our knowledge on the subject as well as a series of best practices and guidelines that are emerging.

We are here to help you be **ready to reopen**.



### **Objective**

Our objective is to share our learnings and some new guidelines emerging globally across our industry.

We hope this information and resources referred in this document can help you and your practice reopen and recover faster.



#### **SECTION 1 COVID-19 INFORMATION**

- Important facts about Covid-19

#### **SECTION 2** INFECTION PREVENTION 101

- Principles of Infection Prevention
- The Clinical Workflow

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## **COVID-19 Information**



## **COVID-19: Why is it different than Flu?**

#### **Definitions:**

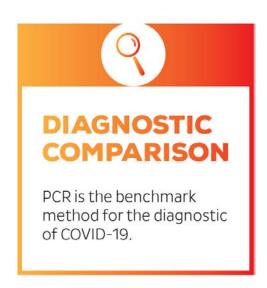
- ✓ COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that has lead to the recent pandemic.
- ✓ **SARS-CoV-2** is the **pathogen** which causes COVID-19.

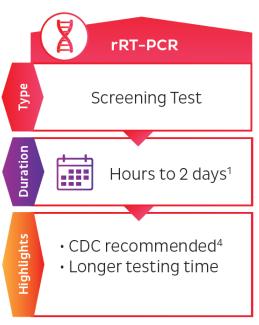
#### **COVID-19 vs. Flu: Key Differences**

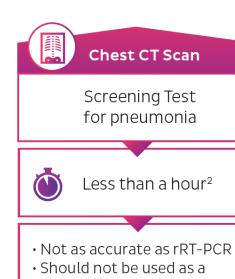
	Flu	COVID-19	Reasons why COVID-19 is NOT a bad flu
Incubation Time	1-4 Days	1-14 Days Median = 4 Days	Hidden positive carriers are contagious BEFORE they develop symptoms
Reproduction Number	Lower, R <sub>0</sub> <2	Higher, R <sub>0</sub> ~2-4	Higher reproduction number means it is much more infections than a seasonal flu
Vaccine	YES	NO	No existing Vaccine for COVID-19



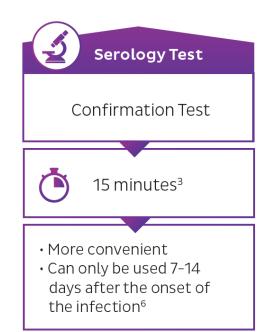
## **Diagnostics & Treatment of COVID-19**







COVID-19<sup>5</sup>





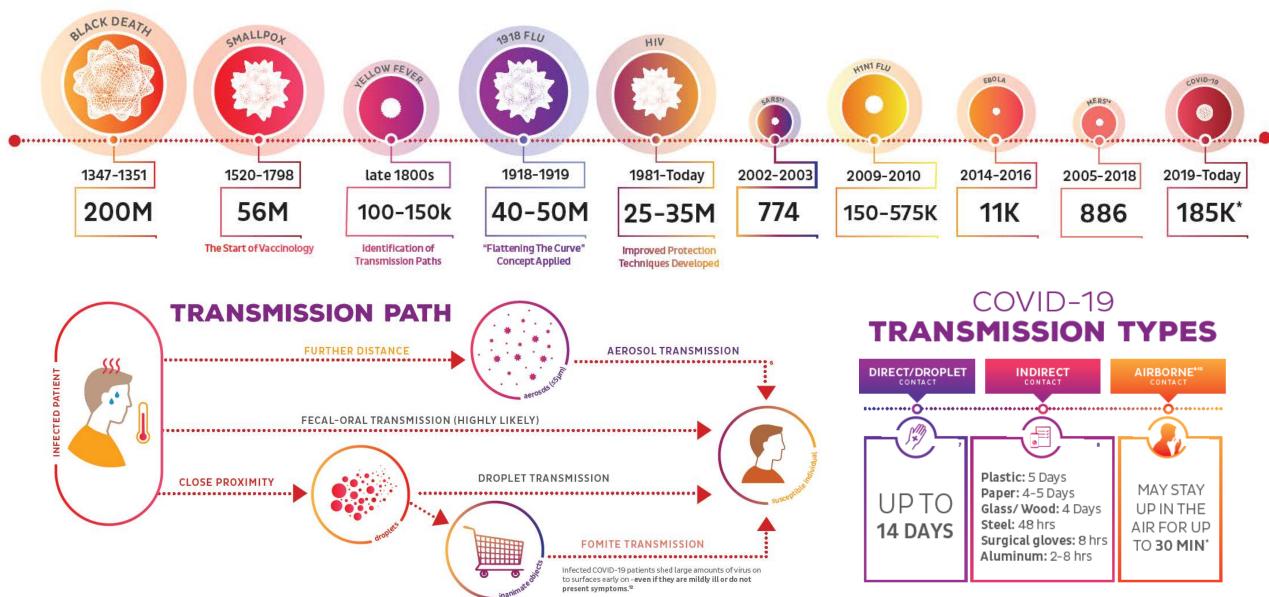




screening test to diagnose



## In This Together, United as Mankind





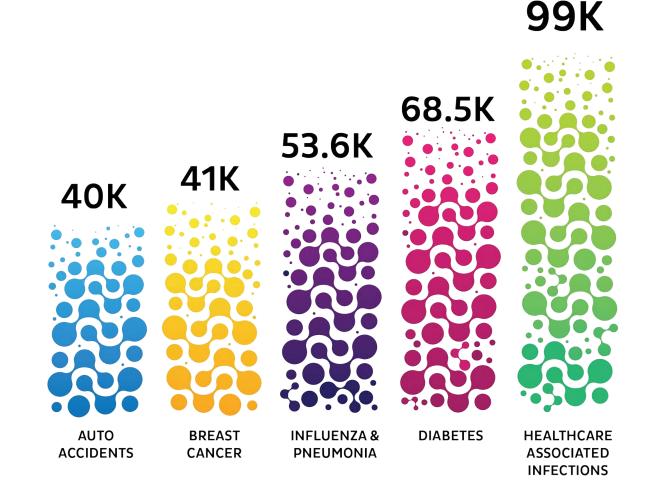
## **Infection Prevention 101**





### Fact #1

## Healthcare Associated Infections is the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the US\*







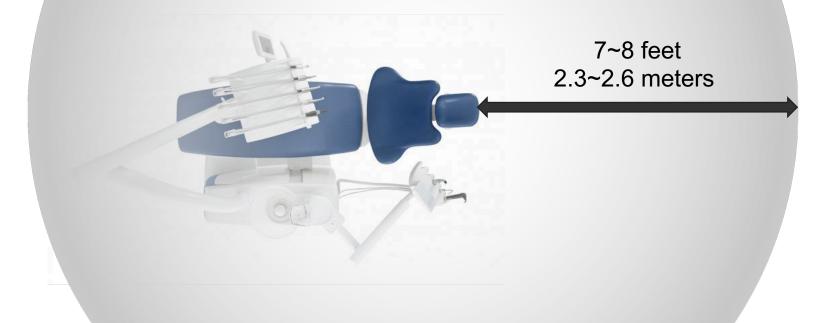
### Fact #2

## Saliva & blood can travel about 7~8 feet and spread the pathogens\*

1 in 5 patients you see today have...

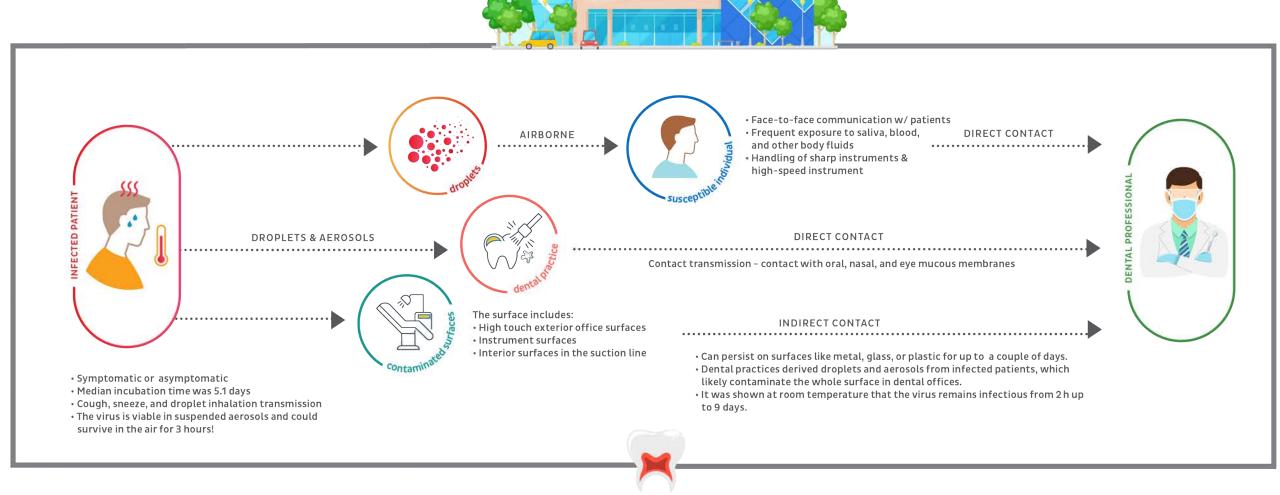
- Viruses (Flu, Herpes, HIV)
- Bacteria (Staph., Strep, MRSA)
- Fungi
- Parasites

\*CDC 2011



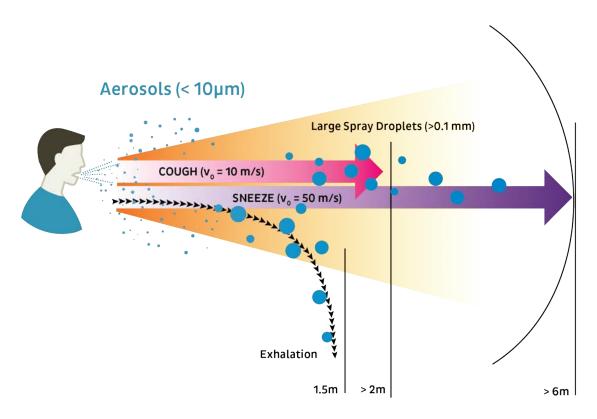


## Transmission routes of SARS-CoV-2 in dental practices





## **COVID-19** and the problem with dental aerosols



\*Scott F and Michelle S. COVID-19 and the problem with dental aerosols. Perio-Implant Advisory. April 2020.

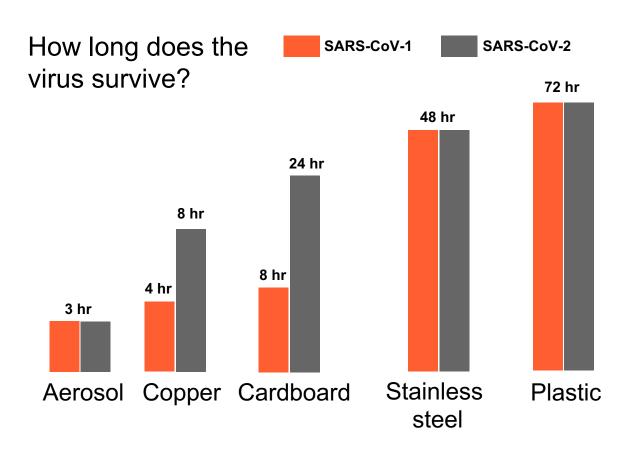
An April 2020 study\*, aerosols are suspensions of liquid and solid particles in the atmosphere, excluding clouds and precipitation.

Particles are classified based on size:

- coarse particles: 2.5–10 microns
- fine particles: < 2.5 microns</li>
- ultrafine particles< 0.1 micron.</li>
- As a reference, SARS-CoV-2 is about 0.1 micron.
- The nose typically filters air particles above 10 microns. If a particle is less than 10 microns, it can enter the respiratory system.
- If it is less than 2.5 microns, it can enter the alveoli. A particle less than 0.1 micron, or an ultrafine particle like the COVID-19 virus, can enter the bloodstream and target organs such as the heart and brain.
- The current scientific consensus is that most transmission via respiratory secretions happens in the form of large respiratory droplets rather than small aerosols.



## Viability of SARS-CoV-2 in Aerosols and on Various Surfaces



Another recent study\* found:

- SARS-CoV-2 remained viable in aerosols throughout the duration of our experiment (3 hours)
- SARS-CoV-2 was more stable on plastic and stainless steel than on copper and cardboard, and viable virus was detected up to 72 hours
- The results indicate that aerosol and fomite transmission of SARS-CoV-2 is plausible, since the virus can remain viable and infectious in aerosols for hours and on surfaces up to days. Further, these findings echo those with SARS-CoV-1, in which these forms of transmission were associated with nosocomial spread and super-spreading events.



### **Social Distancing**

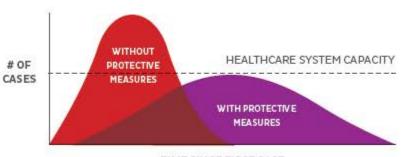
**HOW LONG** COULD | BE **CONTAGIOUS?** 



Positive SAR-CoV-2 test results were found in patients recovered from COVID-192

#### WHAT DOES FLATTENING THE **CURVE MEAN?**

By taking protective measures, reducing number of cases below healthcare system capacity will allow those infected a better chance of getting care.3



TIME SINCE FIRST CASE

#### WHAT IS SOCIAL DISTANCING? DO THIS **NOT THIS** DON'T stand in crowded lines Stay home except to get medical care Use video chat or mobile devices to communicate DON'T attend public events\* Separate yourself from other people in your home **DON'T** organize group activities

#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



Coronavirus is highly contagious, and spreads like a chain effect. 4



Social distancing is not just for your protection, for all those around you, especially the elderly (parents + grandparents)



5. Reuters, False claim: Homemade hand sanitizer will protect against coronavirus, 2020, March 10. https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-factcheck-coronavirus-sanitizer/false-claim-homemade-hand-sanitizer-will-protect-against-coronavirus-idUSKBN20X338

Your actions affect the whole community, and you should take protective measures to break the chain of infection.



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## **Sharing Best Practices**





### Infection Prevention for Dental Practices

#### **Consider reviewing/adopting the following:**

- Patient evaluation
  - Pre-screening prior to appointment / Teledentistry
  - On-siDe screening
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** 
  - On April 16, 2020, ADA offers interim guidance to protect dentists, patients, and staff
    - Interim Mask and Face Shield Guidelines
    - Use the **highest level of PPE available** when treating patients to reduce the risk of exposure
    - Professional judgment should be exercised when considering the use of gowns, foot covers and head covers
- **Hand Hygiene**
- **Surface disinfection**
- **Protective covering**
- **Suction line cleaning and disinfection**



### Infection Prevention for Dental Practices

#### Consider reviewing/adopting the following (...continued):

- **Mouth rinse before dental procedures** 
  - A preoperational antimicrobial mouth rinse is generally believed to reduce the number of oral microbes.
- Rubber dam isolation
- **Anti-retraction handpiece**
- **Management of medical waste** 
  - The medical and domestic waste generated by the treatment of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are regarded as infectious medical waste.
  - The reusable instrument and items should be pretreated, cleaned, sterilized, and properly stored.



## **Emerging Protocols and Guidelines**

## **CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for dental settings during the COVID-19 response

- Dental settings have unique characteristics that warrant additional infection control considerations.
- Postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and nonurgent dental visits.
- Proactively communicate to both staff and patients the need for them to stay at home if sick.
- Know steps to take if a patient with COVID-19 symptoms enters your facility.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/dental-settings.html

## **ADA – American Dental Association**

To aid dentists who may be reopening their practices when state mandates are lifted, the ADA has developed <u>interim guidance</u> on the PPE recommended in order to practice during this pandemic and minimize the risk of virus transmission. Additional guidance documents will be issued regarding protocols for office and treatment procedures.

https://www.ada.org/en/press-room/newsreleases/2020-archives/april/postponementstatement



## Office Spaces / Maintaining Social Distancing

#### Consider reviewing/adopting the following:

- No Handshaking Policy
- **Reduce Capacity of Meeting Rooms** 
  - Remove every other chair, clear signs indicating new max number of people allowed
- **Regular Disinfection of Touch Points** 
  - **Printers**
  - Door handles (or adopt automatic doors)
  - Keyboard, mouse, desk surface etc.
  - Chairs' arm and back rest
- Provide Disinfection at Different Points in the Office
- **Wear Masks when Moving around the Office**
- **Rotation of Shifts / Days** 
  - Break team in smaller groups to minimize contacts
  - Alternate work from home / office work days if possible



## Office Spaces: Emerging Guidelines

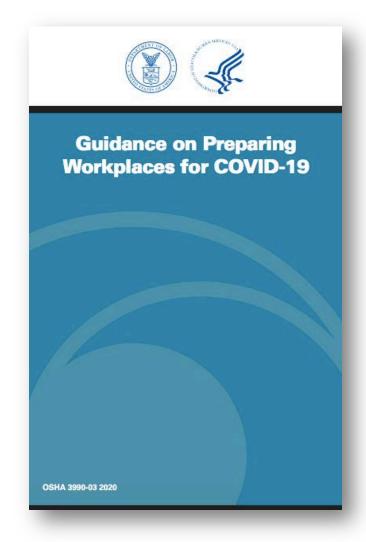
## OSHA - Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19

This guide contains recommendations as well as descriptions of mandatory safety and health standards. The recommendations are advisory in nature, informational in content, and are intended to assist employers in providing a safe and healthful workplace.

#### This guide includes:

- How Covid-19 outbreak could affect workplaces
- Steps all employers can take to reduce workers' risk of Exposure to SARS-CoV-2
- Classifying worker exposure to SARS-CoV-2

https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf





## **Learnings from China**

A selection of actions and processes taken by Chinese dental clinics in the reopening phases

**Practice Re-open** 

Prepare protectives / PPE
Compliance w/ new regulations
Anti-COVID training to all staffs
Adopt new protocol if needed
Wear protections by risk level

How we can help:

- Metrex disinfection package
- Help setup new protocols
- Training / support



#### **Patient Acquisition**

Patient education on safety
Pre-screen via appointment
Pre-plan treatment
On-site screen and flow control
Support existing patients online

How we can help:

- "Safe Clinic" enabled partner
- Online promotion / guidance
- Communication/offers



#### **Treatment Plans**

Identify aerosol risks
Enforce one patient / one room
Encourage single-use items
Sterilize re-usable devices
Adopt suction system if needed

How we can help:

- Nobel Triple Guarantee Offer
- Risk-free insurance program
- Support on tele-dentistry



## **Professional Maintenance**

Regular waterlines cleaning
Surfaces & air disinfection
Close open areas (e.g. for kids)
Monitor daily waste treatment
Track all patients and records

How we can help:

- Provide disinfection trainings
- Auto-cleaning and/or waterline cleaning solutions (TU)





## Envista Solutions & Resources





## Metrex, a Leader in Infection Prevention Solutions

Metrex, one of Envista's business unit, is a leader in the manufacturing of infection prevention solutions.

Metrex has been protecting people across healthcare for over 30 years. Our products are used every day to help prevent infections in the healthcare community.

Metrex was the first multi-national company to make donations to the Wuhan local CDC by delivering CaviWipes right before Chinese New Year's Eve.

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数据截止2020年1月23日14:45, 我国境内累计确诊新型冠状病毒肺炎病例616例(湖北省444例,四川8例,山东6例,广西5例,贵州3例,福建4例,安徽9例,海南4例,江西3例,天津4例,河南5例,重庆9例,澳门2例,湖南9例,辽宁3例,北京14例,广东32例,上海16例,浙江27例,河北、云南、宁夏、吉林、山西、台湾、香港、黑龙江、江苏各1例),疑似395例,治愈28例,死亡17例。

其中湖北省是目前全国疫情重灾区,确诊 444例,疑似病例数待确认,治愈28例,死 亡17例,已有15名医务工作者确诊为新型冠 状病毒感染的肺炎病例。



为防止病毒进一步扩散,2020年1月23日10时起,武汉市城市公交、地铁、轮渡、长途客运暂停运营,在城市暂时封闭情况下,美国卡瓦集团第一时间捐赠了消毒物资一一医用级别的可杀灭冠状病毒的专业物表消毒湿巾卡瓦布,由武汉当地授权经销和支援病预防控制中心,帮助抗击在疾病预防控制中心,帮助抗击在疾病调查、实验室检测等环节做好病毒的控,切断传播途径,控制新型冠状病毒的传播。湖北省疾病预防控制中心对卡瓦集团的报助表示由衷感谢!

本次美国卡瓦集团捐赠的消毒物资物体表面消毒湿巾一一卡瓦布CaviWipes,由美国环境保护署(EPA)认证,广谱杀菌,具有美国三方检测实验室出具的杀灭人类冠状病毒认证,杀灭率达99.999%以上\*,是应对本次新型冠状病毒感染爆发有效的消毒利器。







## Supporting 80+ countries around the world

Italy - Kerr Prevention donated CaviWipes to Fondazione IRCCS Policlinico San Matteo Foundation in Pavia. This is one of the hospitals located in Northern Italy that was part of the "red zone" and faced shortages of disinfection and PPE products. **South Korea** - Since the beginning of the outbreak in South Korea, Metrex has been working closely with local distributors to donate and support hospitals and stand by their side.

US (Detroit, Chicago, New Orleans) – Metrex donated surface disinfectant products to states most in need including to the Detroit Local Firefighters & also local hospitals battling shortage of PPE.







### **Our Infection Prevention Solutions**

Metrex, one of Envista's business unit, is a leader in the manufacturing of infection prevention solutions

**Surface Disinfectant** 

Hand Hygiene

**Protection Barriers** 

**Splash Protection** 









#### **Instrument Reprocessing**



Liquid Medical Waste Disposal



**Operatory Disposable** 

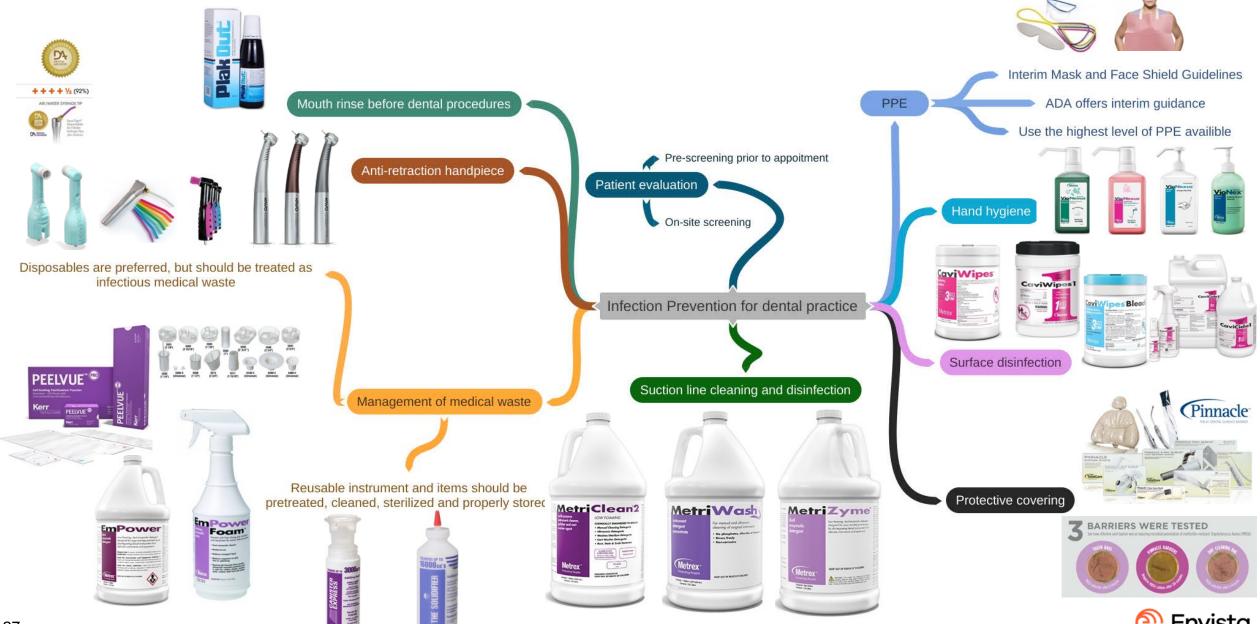


#### Air/Water Syringe Tips





### **Our Infection Prevention Solutions**





## **KaVo Turbines/Handpieces**

The ADA Interim Guidance for Minimizing Risk of COVID-19 Transmission states that anti-retraction functions of handpieces may provide additional protection against cross-contamination.

KaVo MASTERtorque™ turbines/air-driven handpieces are the only anti-retraction system featuring the unique **Direct Stop Technology** (DST).

Learn more about DST at **kavo.com** 





## **KaVo Turbines/Handpieces**

The below Kavo products are equipped with anti-retraction valves. KaVo dental turbines and dental handpieces are used together with this MULTIflex couplers and the dental low-voltage motors.

#### **Air-Driven handpieces**

1008.7800 MASTERtorque<sup>™</sup> M8900 L (DST) 3001.0000 MASTERtorque Mini M8700 L (DST) 1006.9200 EXPERTtorque<sup>™</sup> LUX E679 L 1006.6400 EXPERTtorque Mini LUX E675 L 1008.1641 SMARTtorque<sup>™</sup> LUX S619 L 1008.1643 SMARTtorque Mini LUX S615 L

#### **Straight & contra-angle handpieces**

1009.3630 MASTERmatic<sup>™</sup> LUX M25 L 1009.3640 MASTERmatic LUX M05 L Mini 1007.5550 EXPERTmatic<sup>™</sup> E25 L 1007.5551 EXPERTmatic E25 C

#### **MULTIflex**<sup>TM</sup> couplers

1008.1642 **SMARTtorque S619 C** 

1007.3201 **460LED Coupler** 1001.7599 **460LE Coupler** 1007.3197 **465LED Coupler** 0553.1550 **465LRN Coupler** 0553.1390 **1390 Coupler** 

#### Low-voltage motors & dental air motors

1007.0150 INTRA LUX KL703 LED Electric Motor 0535.5250 INTRAmatic<sup>™</sup> 181 M Air Motor 0535.5200 INTRA 181 H Air Motor 0535.5210 INTRA LUX 181 L Air Motor





## **Additional Learning Resources**

A selection of free, on-demand webinars:

1. Coping with Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Learn more

2. An Overview of Infection Prevention in the Dental Office

Learn more - EARN 2 CE CREDITS FREE WITH CODE KKINF20:

3. Surface Disinfection: Safe, Simple & Standard Practice

Learn more

4. Barrier Protection: Covering your Bases

Learn more

5. Outbreaks Preparedness 101

Learn more

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Additional resources and information available at envistaco.com/covid-19-update



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## **Continuous Improvement as Competitive Advantage**

We live in constant pursuit of progress and view continuous improvement as a mindset, culture, and guiding principle.

#### **Innovation in Action**

We help our partners build thriving practices and draw on our deep expertise to transform the industry.

#### **Relationships Built on Respect**

We are committed to providing the holistic support and training needed to unlock value and sustain achievement.

#### **Better Choices, Better Outcomes**

Through world-class products, tools, and digital workflows, we help you increase predictable outcomes and deliver better patient care.



