SUNY Broome Dental Hygiene Patient Information and COVID 19 Protocol

The SUNY Broome Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic is open for dental hygiene care in a safe environment.

The Dental Hygiene Clinic is following the guidelines set forth from the New York State Department of Health (DOH), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

COVID-19 clinical protocol was suspended Fall 2023 due to the Federal/State removal of the Pandemic status.

As an accredited dental hygiene training facility, infection control has always been a top priority in our clinic. Our infection control protocol ensures state and federal guidelines are meticulously followed to protect our patients. Our professional grade sterilization facilities offer the highest-level of quality control available.

Personal Protective Equipment

Proper PPE including ASTM level 3 masks, gowns, gloves, and protective eyewear have always been a requirement for our students, faculty, and clinical staff working at dental hygiene clinic.

We have increased PPE standards to include N95 respirators and face shields for aerosol generating procedures.

Cleaning Practices

Infection prevention has always been a top priority, our dental operatories are meticulously cleaned after each patient appointment following infection control guidelines. All dental instruments are sterilized in our state-of-the-art instrument processing facility using professional grade sterilization techniques.

Questions or Concerns

Please call the Dental Hygiene Clinic if you have any questions or concerns (607-778-5015). We appreciate you being a patient in our clinic and enhancing the educational process for our dental hygiene students.

Covid 19 If You Think You Have Been Exposed

Go to the Broome County Coronavirus website <u>https://www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus</u>

Follow the instructions in the tab "What Should I Do If I Was Exposed to COVID-19?"

Covid 19 If You Feel Sick or Have a Positive Covid Test

Go to the Broome County Coronavirus website <u>https://www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus</u>



Follow the instructions in the tab "What Should I Do If I Test Positive For COVID-19?"

Guideline References

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