



May 4, 2020

To Our Patients and Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. Our community has been through a lot over the last few months, and we are looking forward to resuming our normal habits and routines. While many things have changed, one thing has remained the same: my commitment to your safety.

Infection control has always been a top priority for our practice and you may have seen this during your visits to our office. Our infection control processes are made so that when you receive care, it's both safe and comfortable. We want to tell you about the infection control procedures we follow in our practice to keep patients and staff safe.

Our office follows infection control recommendations made by the American Dental Association (ADA), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). We do this to make sure that our infection control procedures are current and adhere to each agencies' recommendations.

You may see some changes when it is time for your next appointment to help protect our patients and staff. For example:

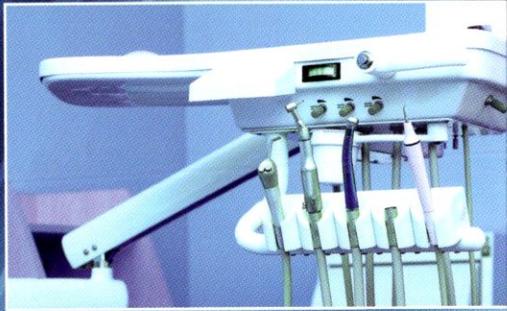
- Our office will communicate with you beforehand to ask some screening questions. You'll be asked those same questions again when you arrive to the office.
- Consents and financial agreements will be signed via email and phone call prior to your child's appointment.
- One adult may escort our patient into the office. Older children and adolescents are encouraged to come in alone, so that we minimize the number of people in the office. Families will be escorted into a private treatment area by our clinical team member.
- We have hand sanitizer to use when you enter the office.
- You may see that our waiting room will no longer offer magazines, children's toys and so forth, since those items are difficult to clean and disinfect.
- Appointments will be managed to allow for social distancing between patients.
- We will do our best to allow greater time between patients to reduce waiting times for you, as well as to reduce the number of patients in the office at any one time.

We look forward to seeing you again and are happy to answer any questions you may have about the steps we take to keep you, and every patient, safe in our practice. To make an appointment, please call our office at 401-849-4790 or visit our website at NewportPediatricDentistry.com.

Thank you for being our patient. We value your trust and loyalty and look forward to welcoming back our patients, neighbors and friends.

Sincerely,

Dr. Drennon and Team



COULD THE WATER USED DURING MY DENTAL VISIT BE HARMFUL TO ME?



Have you ever thought about the water used during your dental procedures? During a dental treatment, water flows through a long length of extremely narrow tubing to reach many of the instruments used by your dentist or dental hygienist.



The narrow, wet environment inside this tubing is an ideal environment for waterborne bacteria and other potentially dangerous organisms to thrive. As water flows through, it carries these microorganisms, which can build up on the walls of the tubing over time.

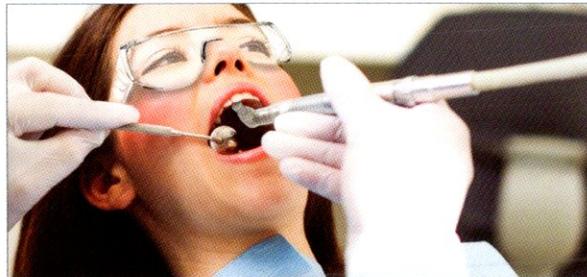
If left untreated, these microorganisms can break off, causing a transfer of bacteria to patients.

HOW IS MY DENTIST ENSURING MY SAFETY?

Your safety is our first priority. To protect your health, our practice uses DentaPure™ Cartridges for dental unit waterline treatment on each of our dental units (dental chairs).

So my dental office is treating their dental unit water with DentaPure™ Cartridges. What does this mean for me, and how does it work?

The DentaPure Cartridge **reduces bacteria in dental unit waterlines** to a level that meets or exceeds the standard set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the recommendations put forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for **safe drinking water**.



DID YOU KNOW?

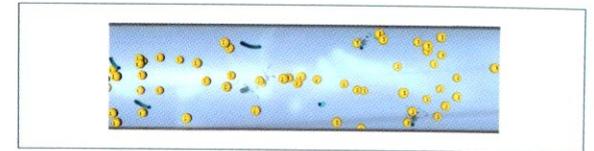
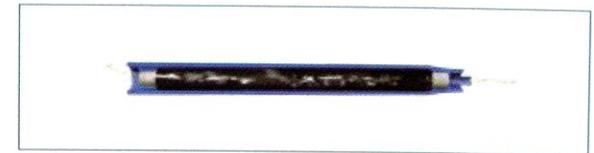
The same technology used to develop the DentaPure Cartridge is used by NASA to ensure that water consumed in space contains **safe levels of bacteria, viruses and other harmful organisms**.



THE TECHNOLOGY BEHIND THE DENTAPURE™ CARTRIDGE

The DentaPure Cartridge is attached to the waterlines feeding into the dental unit equipment.

As water passes through the cartridge, a small amount of iodine is released into the water.



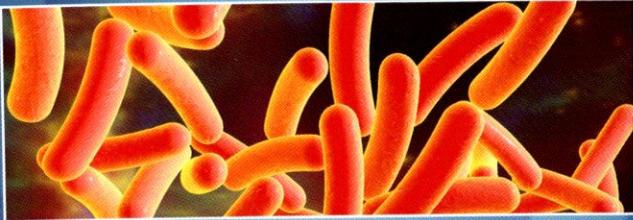
This non-allergenic iodine* reduces the bacteria in the waterlines to deliver clean, safe water to you during your dental procedure.

* The elemental iodine in the DentaPure Cartridge contains no allergenic proteins. People are not allergic to iodine; they are allergic to the protein sometimes attached to it¹. Iodinated water is completely safe for you to ingest!

¹ Schabelman E., Witting M. The relationship of radiocontrast, iodine, and sea food allergies: a medical myth exposed, J Emerg Med. 2010 Nov; 39(5):701-7. doi: 10.1016/j.jemermed.2009.10.014. Epub 2010 Jan 4.

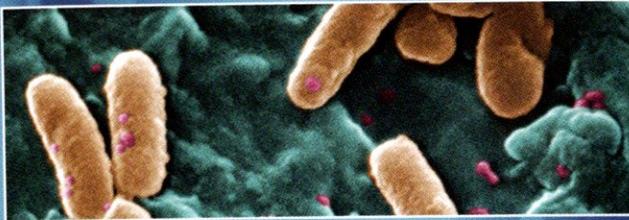
AILMENTS CAUSED BY WATERBORNE BACTERIA

LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE



Legionella pneumophila

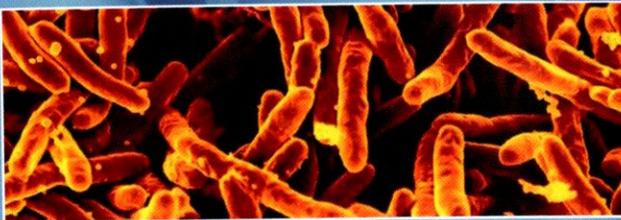
PNEUMONIA



Pseudomonas aeruginosa

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RESPIRATORY AND SOFT TISSUE INFECTIONS



Nontuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM)



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