



MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
Governor

DR. TRACIE C. COLLINS, M.D.
Cabinet Secretary

OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH

Dear, School Administration.

The New Mexico Department of Oral Health is excited to provide exceptional preventive oral health services to the students at your school during this COVID-19 time. We would like to inform of the following changes for the safety of our staff and your students, and to adapt to the changing times of COVID 19.

Personal Protective Equipment:

All oral health staff will wear a N-95 and surgical masks while providing services, as well as protective eye wear, face shields, disposable gowns, and gloves. All students and oral health staff are also required to wear a mask when there are no active services.

Infection Control:

Our program requires all oral health staff to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer consistently, we will continue to use the best safe practices of infection control and adhere to cleaning and disinfecting protocols.

Social Distancing:

Oral health staff and students must maintain a six-foot distance from each other whenever possible. Students will be called in one at a time to allow extra cleaning/disinfecting time between students.

Screening your Student:

Students will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and temperature checks will be taken.

Screening of Oral Health Staff:

Oral health staff will also be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and temperature checks will be taken prior to services.

We thank you for partnering with the New Mexico Department of Health in making this contribution to the health and well-being of our State's children. Should you have any questions regarding our program, please contact me at 505-476-3028 or by email.

Respectfully,

Deborah Hollinger, RDH

Deborah Hollinger, RDH
deborah.hollinger@state.nm.us

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Oral Health in Santa Fe at (505) 827-0837
in Albuquerque at (505) 841-5872 or in Las Cruces at (575) 528-5087