

## What Does This Infection Control Certification Mean?

The Centers for Disease Control has studied and tested infection control and prevention processes for Dental Settings. As a result, the CDC published the "Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Settings". This gold-standard set of guidelines prescribes employee vaccinations, personal protective equipment selection and use, cleaning and sterilization of reusable dental instruments, biohazard waste disposal, and how we clean and disinfect our dental office and equipment.

The guidelines are not regulations, but rather guidelines or recommendations for ensuring your safety and ours. **Our dental office recognizes the importance of complying with the CDC guidelines for Infection Control as a cornerstone to ensuring the delivery of safe, high-quality dental care and the impact on patient safety.**

**Our office hired Dental Compliance Specialists, an independent review organization (IRO), to inspect our office for compliance with the CDC Guidelines in our effort to demonstrate to you our commitment to ensuring high standards for disease control and prevention because we care not only for you, but about you. The inspection process required our office to correct any and all deficiencies (if any) to ensure we truly meet or exceed compliance with each and every guideline.**

This vigorous process involved an inspection and additional staff training on emerging infection control concerns including those related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

After completing the Dental Office Infection Control Certification program, we are confident as ever in our ability to provide for you safe and competent care. We are grateful for the opportunity to be your dental provider. It is our goal to meet and exceed not only our own high standards, but your high standards too. We welcome any questions you may have about our infection control procedures.