**Dear Colleague,

The past few months have definitely been interesting and challenging.  We hope everyone is well and excited about getting back to our profession. We are pleased to announce that our office reopened on 05/27/2020. During this time, Ukiah Periodontics and Implant Center has remained committed to taking care of emergencies and urgencies during the shutdown.

With our new-found free time, we have been actively acquiring PPE equipment including a limited supply of N-95 masks, gowns, face shields etc. We are fortunate that in our surgical practice, closed treatment rooms have always been the norm. We have been researching and purchasing equipment that will provide an even safer experience for our patients, staffs and ourselves.**

* **We have incorporated protocols as required by the CA Board of Dentistry, such as minimizing the use of the waiting room, having patients wait in cars where practical, online forms and staggered scheduling.**
* **Plexiglass barriers at the front desks to protect team members, along with N-95 masks, face shields, and protective eye ware**
* **In addition to N-95 masks, we introduced the Pure Vac HVE evacuation systems and use Extra Oral Dental Suction System. We have installed true HEPA Allergen Remover, germ & particle capturing air purifiers to filter out fomites and aerosols, killing bacteria and viruses.**
* **All of our team members have just recently undergone updated infection control and OSHA training, along with training on the proper use of PPE.**

**These have been trying times. We want to assure you that we are doing our utmost to create a safe environment for your patients and maintain your confidence in our care. As we re-open, we will continue to change our protocols as the situation warrants.  We know that our appointments will take a little bit longer and we have taken that into account in our scheduling process.**

**Thank you for referring your patients to us for treatment. We appreciate your expression of confidence and will do all we can to continue to provide the most up to date periodontal care.**

 **Best regards,**

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