

COLORADO'S INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR PPE IN THE DENTAL SETTING*

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SPECIALTY	Procedure type	Aerosol producing	Splatter producing	Mask	Gown or jacket	Booties or dedicated office shoes/bonnet	Eye protection	Face shield
SCREENING	Screening/temp taking	—	—	Level 2	✓	—	✓	Preferred
FRONT DESK	Check-in Check-out	—	—	Cloth mask	✓	—	✓ or Plastic Barrier	—
DIAGNOSTIC	New or recall exam	—	—	Level 2 or above	✓	—	✓	—
	Intra-oral radiographs	—	—	Level 2 or above	✓	—	✓	✓
	Intra-oral photos	—	—	Level 2 or above	✓	—	✓	✓
	Socially distant patient encounter	—	—	Level 1 or above	✓	—	—	—
RESTORATIVE	Fillings/restorations	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Crowns/bridges	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Seating restorations: Try to do crown/bridge adjustments outside of the mouth	—	✓	Level 2 or above	✓	—	✓	✓
	Veneers	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Stainless steel crowns	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
PROSTHODONTICS	Denture/RPD and impressions	—	—	Level 2 or above	✓	—	✓	—
	Repairs/adjustments	—	—	Level 2 or above	✓	—	✓	—
ENDODONTICS	Endo access	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Instrumentation	✓	Possible	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Apicoectomies	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Pulpotomies	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
PERIO/HYGIENE	Rubber cup or tooth brush prophylaxis	—	✓	Level 2, 3 or N95	✓	—	✓	✓
	Ultrasonic scaling	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Scaling/root planing-hand	—	✓	Level 2, 3 or N95	✓	—	✓	✓
	Surgical procedures	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
ORAL SURGERY	Non-surgical extraction	—	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Surgical extraction	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Implant surgery	Possible	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Bone graft surgery	Possible	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Soft tissue biopsy	—	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Hard tissue biopsy	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
ORTHODONTICS	New banding/bonding	—	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	—	✓	✓
	De-banding or de-banding	✓	✓	Level 3 or N95	✓	R	✓	✓
	Retainer checks	—	—	Level 2	✓	—	✓	—
	Wire changes	—	—	Level 2	✓	—	✓	—

— = no ✓ = yes R = Recommended



*This document has been prepared by the CDA and the MDDS as a resource for dentists based on our understanding of the current PPE guidance. Dentists should always understand and review the latest CDC, OSHA and any CDPHE requirements that will supersede any recommendation on this chart.