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To Our Patients,

We wish you and your family a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

We know how meaningful this day is for all Americans. However, as healthcare providers, we feel a strong obligation to caution and remind everyone to abide by the CDC guidelines for the lowest possible risk of COVID-19 transmission.

- Having a small dinner with only people who live in your household
- Preparing traditional family recipes for family and neighbors, especially those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and delivering them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others
- Having a virtual dinner and sharing recipes with friends and family
- Shopping online rather than in person on the day after Thanksgiving or the next Monday
- Watching sports events, parades, and movies from home

Please do your utmost to abide by these recommendations. Ideally, anyone who is travelling by plane, coming from a household outside of your pod or returning from college (even members of your immediate family) need to be quarantined for 14 days and then tested prior to entering your home.

We are very concerned about the potential transmission of this virus to family and friends and the possibility of community spread after Thanksgiving. The media is reporting that a significant number of Americans will be celebrating the holiday in gatherings that will include individuals from outside of their current immediate circle. If you will be doing so, we are requesting that you inform us prior to your upcoming treatment. We will be pleased to reschedule your appointment, once the appropriate number of days have passed and you are tested for COVID-19.

We understand that our office's infection control protocols are more rigid than many other dental practices and are most appreciative of your willingness to abide by our rules for patient safety. As we look forward to the vaccinations that will end this pandemic, we remain committed, as always, to providing the safest and highest quality of care for all of our patients. Please know how much we value the trust that you have placed in us and will continue to work to maintain your trust with each and every communication and visit to our dental office.

Sending all the best to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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