



Prince Sultan Military College of Health Sciences Dhahran Covid-19 safety Operations Protocols in Dental & Oral Health Department (DOH)

Introduction:

This guidance is intended for all staff and students to ensure a safe and efficient return through adhering to the guidelines which align with the international and national regulations for COVID-19 in working places.

Polices:

The appropriate safe social distance room capacities for each clinic, lab in DOH are as follows:

- Maximum of 4-7 student or leaners in the clinical and/ lab session.
- Signs are posted at the entrance of DOH.
- Clinical instructor will schedule an interval between each consecutive clinical and/or lab session.
- Maximum number of utilization sessions is 4 sessions per day

Procedures:

Pre-Clinical & Lab session.

Maintain safe behavioral practices:

Upon arrival at the checkpoint at PSMCHS, before entering the department, everyone (patients, providers, staff, and visitors) will be screened for symptoms and temperature through a mandatory daily visual triage. Anyone exhibiting signs or with a temperature of 38 C or more will be immediately directed to seek medical attention and will not be able to enter the premises.

Masks, Social Distancing, Cleanliness

- You must wear a mask! We ask you to wear your own mask into the building. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you (and your escort) when you arrive. Masks must be kept on all times.

Safe distancing practices will be observed in all areas of the building

(specifically, staying 6 feet away from others when you must go into a shared space).

- Our clinic desks, public waiting areas and restrooms are cleaned and disinfected throughout the day
- Always bring your own things e.g. (mask, gloves, papers, pen, etc.).
- Food and drinks are not allowed in DOH.
- Stay home when sick

During Clinical & Laboratory session:

Divide the student in groups each comprising 4-7 students

Infection Prevention and Control protocol in the dental clinic & laboratories should follow the international standards of OSHA and CDC.

Hand hygiene:

Frequently wash hands or use alcohol-based (at least 60% alcohol) hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

Personal protective equipment (PPE).

The barrier protection types of equipment, including protective eyewear, masks, gloves, caps, eye protection (face shields or goggles), and gown, are strongly recommended.

Practice proper removal of PPE and perform hand hygiene after each session.

Use disposable gloves when entering each clinic & lab and before session and touching any surface, task, face mask, gown, face shields or goggles.

Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.

Use Anti-retraction hand-piece to decrease possible exposure to infectious agents.

Avoid Aerosol producing dental procedures.

Use dental barrier film, plastic sleeves, rubber dam, and high- volume saliva ejectors...etc.

Cleaning & Disinfecting Guidelines:

Time:

The time interval between each consecutive clinical and/or lab session is reserved for cleaning and disinfection as follows:

- The time of disinfecting between sessions (30 minutes).
- The time of cleaning the entire clinical & lab at the end of the day (60 minutes)

Equipment & surfaces

After each session clean and disinfect frequently touched object (dental chair, machines, manikin tables, • doorknobs, • light switches, • countertops, • handles, • desks • phones, • keyboards • faucets and sinks • touch screens and surfaces ,wipe with an alcohol- based cleaner wiper at least 70% isopropyl alcohol and leave to dry as per the manufacturer's instructions.

Receiving Materials & equipment in DOH:

All equipment should be requested by using the request form. It's also the responsibility of the end-users (the person who received the materials and equipment to clean and disinfect the equipment before return back to the dispensary.

Management of the medical waste.

Follow the national guidelines & regulations for proper waste management.

Regulated medical waste requires special storage, handling, neutralization, and disposal like Infectious waste, Pathological waste, Sharp Waste, Chemical Waste.

Reference:

Safety Manual precaution for COVID-19 in workplace at Ministry of Defense.

<https://www.moh.gov.sa/Ministry/MediaCenter/Publications/Documents/MOH-Dental-emergency-guidline.pdf>

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is important to us
- and so is your
safety!