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URGENT COVID UPDATE

Timbercrest Dental Center has been closely monitoring the spread of the coronavirus. As leaders in the healthcare profession, we are responsible for ensuring the safety of our patients our dental teams and the community. Consistent with recommendations from the Wisconsin Board of Dentistry, Wisconsin Dental Association and the Surgeon General, we will postpone any non-emergent/elective care for two weeks starting 3/20/2020. We took this very difficult decision seriously and propose the following plan of action subsequent to the two-week hiatus. ***We will still have availability to treat emergent dental needs.***

While the official figures in Wisconsin at this time are relatively low, we expect those numbers to grow in the coming weeks and in the interest of patient health, as the health of our team members and their families, these measures can play a role in limiting the spread throughout our entire community. We also expect these two weeks will give the CDC, ADA and WDA time to establish additional safety measures above and beyond our already comprehensive universal standards of infection control.

The circumstances here in Wisconsin and globally are changing quickly.

There are still a number of variables and unknowns, but this proactive measure is aimed to limit the spread and keep patients, our community and practitioners safe. Right now, our priority is to do our part to decrease the rate of transmission. Many of you have heard on the news in recent days of the importance of "flattening the curve" to prevent our health care system from being overwhelmed. If we can decrease the number of patients who require ICU care over the next several weeks, we will have done our part.

As dentists, we are a major party of health care delivery in the country, and continuously prioritize the overall health of the patient. Taking responsible action right now is the best thing we can do at this time for our patients, for our office teams, for our health care system and our community.

At this challenging time, it is important to stay calm in the face of this storm and we will continue to use science and knowledge to help us navigate forward. We will get through this together while continuing to advocate for the profession and lead the nation in ensuring that we are doing our part in decreasing the transmission of this very serious health concern.

Respectfully,

Dr. John Luther, DDS