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## **A note from Dr. Kanumilli in regards to the PPE fee**

To our respected patients,

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the world in so many ways. Yes, we are a dental office. However, we are also a small business that is independently owned. Unlike some other businesses, there was simply no way for us to "get inventive" to keep a stream of revenue coming in. PPE is in high demand and will remain as such for an indefinite period of time. There is a severe shortage of the raw materials needed to fabricate the masks and gowns that are essential for us to protect ourselves. The companies that produce these materials are working overtime in an effort to meet demands. Surge pricing is at an all-time high for these one-time use items which must be paid for upfront and purchased in bulk quantities.

We are doing everything we can think of to keep you and our team safe so that we can continue to deliver the same high-quality dentistry you have come to appreciate from us. We are grateful for your understanding, or at least acceptance, of our new (hopefully temporary) policy. It is our goal to reach a point where we can remove or significantly reduce the fee, and we are dedicated to remaining transparent throughout the process.

We recognize that the fees will vary between us and other offices as each owner makes an individual decision on what is needed to make everyone feel safe enough to come to work and provide care for dental patients. Some offices will choose to simply increase their fees overall. Not every dental office will approach these added costs in the same manner. We hope that you will see the value in our efforts and stick with us through this difficult time.

Wishing you wellness,

Dr. Kanumilli, DMD

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