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## **AAO Supplemental Informed Consent & Health Confirmation**

*Orthodontic Treatment in the Era of COVID-19*

Thank you for your continued trust in our practice. As with the transmission of any communicable disease like the cold or flu, you may be exposed to COVID-19, also known as “Coronavirus,” at any time or in any place. Be assured that we have always followed and continue to follow state and federal regulations as well as recommended universal personal protection and disinfection protocols to limit transmission of all diseases at the Center for Orthodontic Excellence (COE).

Despite our best efforts and careful attention to sterilization, disinfection, and use of personal barriers, there is still a chance that you could be exposed to an illness in our office, just as you might be at your grocery store, gym, or favorite restaurant, for example. “Social Distancing” nationwide has reduced the transmission of the Coronavirus. Although we have taken measures to provide social distancing in our practice, due to the nature of the procedures, it is challenging to maintain social distancing among the patient, COE Team, and sometimes other patients at all times.

If you have been exposed to a communicable disease, you have the potential of spreading that to other COE patients and the COE Team. Therefore, prior to each appointment, we are asking that you confirm that you do not have a fever of 100.4°F or higher, an illness-related cough, shortness of breath, persistent pain, and/or pressure or tightness in the chest. We also request that you confirm that you have not recently come in contact with anyone that has tested positive or had a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease in at least the last 14 days.

The COE Team will always strive to protect each patient and their families in the way everyone deserves while providing the smiles you’ll love. We look forward to safely caring for each of you, and the COE Team is grateful for each of you joining the collective effort to ensure everyone is smiling in the healthiest way possible.

***SIGNATURE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS AGREEMENT. You are automatically confirming that you do not have any of the aforementioned symptoms and have not met anyone who may have been exposed to or had a communicable disease in the last 14 days. PLEASE NOTIFY US IN ADVANCE AND WRITTEN FORM ([INFO@COESMILES.COM](mailto:INFO@COESMILES.COM)) IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE AN EXPOSURE RISK OR ANY CONCERNS TO SOME OR ALL PARTS OF OUR AAO SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMED CONSENT & HEALTH CONFIRMATION.***



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