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Are you following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Infection Prevention Guidelines and Recommendations?

## Give yourself a check-up

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you ever wear your mask on your chin between patients?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	After putting on a new pair of gloves do you touch the skin, counter, your cell phone, or a used mask?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	When it is warm in the office do you treat patients without a lab coat or in short sleeves when there is a chance of splatter?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	When organizing sterile instruments do you handle them with bare hands?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you wipe down rather than heat sterilize slow and high speed hand pieces between every patient?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you ever taken instruments out of the autoclave before they are fully dry?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	When treating patients who are HIV+ do you wear two pairs of gloves as a precaution?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you rely only on the chemical indicator on the outside of a sterilization packet when determining if instruments are processed correctly?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you ever used instruments without verifying the chemical indicator has changed?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has it been more than a year since your infection control policies and procedures manual was updated?

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/pdf/safe-care.pdf> for up-to-date dental infection control guidelines. The new **CDC DentalCheck app** will assist with completing a site assessment and review of your infection control protocols.



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