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## **2020 COVID-19 Office Statement**

Dr. Goodman and Dr. Stein have given considerable thought to the emerging public health crisis that is currently confronting human populations throughout the world. The rapid and unconfined spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is creating emerging challenges and significant future challenges to the delivery of health care to all patient populations worldwide.

Based on what is currently known about COVID-19 and what is known about other coronaviruses, dissemination of the disease is thought to occur mostly from person-to-person via respiratory droplets spread among individuals in close contact with each other. The disease is also likely propagated by contact with viral particles that may remain viable in the air or on surfaces that have been contaminated by respiratory droplets left untreated by infection control protocols.

In response to our concern for the health and well-being of our patients, our staff and our community, we voluntarily closed our office on March 16, 2020 through June 2, 2020 for all elective dental procedures while continuing to remain available to treat only dental emergencies as defined by the American Dental Association and the Connecticut State Dental Association.

Throughout those several months, our entire team was in constant communication, studying the latest scientific information, research and guidelines provided by the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Occupational Safety and Healthy Administration (OSHA), the American Dental Association (ADA), the Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health. We continue to monitor those guidelines every day with regard to facility management and scheduling in the face of increasing pandemic spread and risks associated with the COVID-19 virus.

Our office has always been engaged in providing our patients with the most rigorous infection control protocols available to our profession. In light of this most recent pandemic, we have increased our vigilance to disinfect every surface not only in designated treatment areas but every surface throughout our office that is within the normal reach of our patients from the moment they enter our office.

We have always been committed to the delivery of dental health care of the highest caliber in a setting that was safe, comfortable and nurturing. State of the art equipment, techniques and infection control have always been top priorities for our practice and remain so.

We are proud to serve you as our patients, friends and community and we thank you for your continued confidence in us to provide you with the highest level of care and caring in the dental profession.