

FOR YOUR PROTECTION



The Infection Control Program here at the Utah College of Dental Hygiene meets or exceeds recommendations (issued to date) by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American Dental Association (ADA), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogen Standard to minimize cross-contamination and the spread of infection during the course of providing dental hygiene services to patients. This helps protect you and your family and provides a clean, safe environment for all patients.

Universal precautions are practiced which include the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as disposable masks and gloves, lab gowns, and protective eye wear. Proper hand washing or sanitizing is required between each patient and whenever gloves are put on or removed. Treatment room chairs, countertops, and other “touch” surfaces are carefully cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected between each patient. All dental instruments, handpieces, and other “in-the-mouth” items are sterilized after each use, using the latest proven sterilization and disinfection techniques. Disposable products are used whenever possible to reduce or eliminate the risk of cross-infection. Disposable materials are carefully handled as recommended by federal government guidelines and state and local regulatory agencies.

UCDH does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age or disability in its activities, programs, or employment practices. Reasonable accommodation will be made for patients with disabilities to include the medically compromised patient and those with bloodborne diseases such as HBV, HIV, or AIDS. Medical consultation and clearance may be required before treatment in the dental hygiene clinic can be safely initiated. Approval to proceed with treatment on any medically compromised patient must be received from the supervising clinic dentist. You may request a private meeting with the clinic dentist to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. All personal health information will be kept in strict confidence as outlined in the College’s “Patient Privacy Policy.”

Should a student hygienist or faculty member become **exposed** to a patient’s blood, body fluids, or tissues that may lead **to infection**, the exposed individual **and** patient may require a blood test. If health insurance is not available, UCDH will pay for the testing should it be required.

Details of the College’s “Infection Control Program” and “Patient Privacy Policy” are available from the Clinic dentist or receptionist.