



FAQs: Clarification on Protocols
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1. Radiographs

Extraoral radiographs are the preferred method. Intra-oral radiographs are permitted, but should be minimized for the *potential* of producing aerosols.

REMINDER: preprocedural 1% hydrogen peroxide rinse should occur prior to initiating **any** intra-oral procedure.

2. Risk Mitigating Factor: Staggering Appointments.

Non-Aerosol Generating Procedures do not require a settle time. **Droplets** are not a risk factor for COVID-19. The SDHA still recommends staggering of appointment times as a risk mitigating factor; however, there is no required time to do so. Protocol will reflect this amendment.

3. Don/Doffing of PPE.

For NAGP (only procedures currently permitted): PPE donning/doffing, operatory cleaning, and instrument processing are performed in the same sequence as indicated in the SOHP Infection Prevention and Control Standards document.