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*Smiles are our specialty*

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We at Dr. Richard Murdoch's office hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this time of constant change and uncertainty. First let us say thank you. Thank you to the nurses, doctors, hospital and healthcare providers around the world who are tirelessly fighting the spread of COVID-19, putting their own health at risk to protect ours. Thank you to the men and women in uniform working to serve and protect us in our local communities and around the world. Thank you to the truck drivers, stockers, grocery clerks, checkers and baggers that are hauling the loads, filling the shelves, to make sure we have food and supplies.

This situation is changing rapidly, and our focus, as always, is on the health and safety of our patients and staff. Dr. Murdoch will comply with the state mandate to temporarily suspend elective and non-essential surgeries and procedures to preserve important medical equipment. The mandate is in effect through April 14, 2020. In the meantime, if you experience a dental emergency, please don't hesitate to call our office and we will make arrangements for you to be seen.

We will continue to adhere to the CDC Guideline for infection control in our office. Please remember to use some of the basic precautions.

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds
- Cough into your elbow instead of your hands
- Avoid crowds and avoid touching public surfaces
- Don't touch your face, eyes or mouth. If you do, wash your hands again.

We will keep you posted with new information regarding your dental care as it is available to us.

We wish you good health and safety in the days and weeks ahead, and as Martin Luther King Jr. said, "keep hope alive."