

Sterling House Dental Laboratory

Infection Control Policy

All staff who are involved in the production process of preparing and casting impressions have been immunised against diphtheria, hepatitis B, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, rubella, TB and tetanus.

Clothing, gloves, eyewear and masks are worn by technicians during all production procedures.

Protective clothing worn in the laboratory is not worn outside the laboratory premises.

Before donning gloves, hands are washed using a hand sanitizer.

Impressions will be disinfected using a sodium hypochlorite solution.

All working areas after a model production session will be cleaned with a sodium hypochlorite solution.

In the event of a minor puncture injury or cut, the wound should be made to bleed, washed thoroughly under running water and covered with a waterproof dressing. The incident should be recorded in the accident book.

All clinical waste must be placed in the appropriate containers provided in each area. When no more than three quarters full the containers must be securely fastened and safely discarded.

All dental impressions, not marked as disinfected, are rinsed until visibly clean and disinfected using a sodium hypochlorite solution. Appliances and work being returned to the dental practice is also disinfected according to BDA-BDTA-DLA guidelines. All crowns, bridges, inlays etc, are also highly glazed and the fit surface thoroughly pressure steamed, as is the model. Finally packaged in a clean single use container within a "clean area" of the lab.

Eating, drinking and smoking is not permitted in any receiving, model production or dispatch areas. Eating is carried out at designated non-clinical areas.

When taking a shade for a Patient - hands are washed with a sanitised solution/gel and gloves worn. Any shade guide or tabs used for taking the patient's shade will be disinfected before and after use.