



Silver Valet Dental Care Work Safe BC Covid-19 Safety Plan

Prior to resuming services, risks at the workplace were assessed. This document presents the protocols to reduce the risk in two areas of workflow – the office (Business Office at 1- 1433 Rupert St, North Vancouver) and the Dental Care Van.

Covid-19 protocols added to the already existing infection control guidelines outlined by the CDSBC: <https://www.cdsbc.org/practice-resources/professional-practice/standards-and-guidelines/infection-prevention-and-control-guidelines>
<https://www.cdsbc.org/CDSBCPublicLibrary/Infection-Prevention-and-Control-Wall-Poster.pdf>

All recommendations from: Transitioning Oral Health Care to Phase 2, have been implemented. <https://cdhc.in1touch.org/uploaded/web/Transitioning-Oral-Healthcare-to-Phase-2.pdf>

Covid-19 protocols:

- All staff have completed Covid-19 Back to work prescreening form prior to resuming services
- All staff must sign Pre-screening sign in sheet daily
- All staff understand that if they have any signs or symptoms, they must not come in to work
- All staff have been informed (and trained, if required) on the Covid-19 Safety plan

Office:

- Prior to resuming services, entire office was cleaned with disinfecting solution and all clutter (non- essential items) removed
- Business office is large enough to allow physical distancing between all staff members
- All stationary supplies are available for each staff member – no sharing is required
- Any items that are shared, will be wiped down with disinfectant, including binders coming from Dental Care Van
- Hand sanitizer available at both entrances to business office – must be used prior to entry
- Entry to business office is limited to staff only

- Pre-screening sign in sheet must be completed anyone entering business office
- All shared contact items – e.g. door handles will be wiped down daily with disinfectant spray
- Work Safe BC signage (Covid-19 Cover coughs/sneezes) posted on entry doorways and on washroom mirror (Covid-19 Hand washing)

Dental Care Van:

- Prior to restarting services, Dental Care Van walls, floors, counters and front drivers area/ seats/ console were scrubbed and cleaned using disinfecting solution
- After every patient, clinical area is cleaned using disinfecting wipes.
- Every evening, Dental Care Van (walls/floor) is cleaned using disinfecting solution
- Physical distancing is not possible in clinical area of Dental Care Van and therefore:
 - PPE must be used at all times. This includes mask, face shield and gloves.
 - Any staff not required on Dental Care Van during certain treatment times should stand outside or sit in the driver’s seat
- All patients are pre-screened on making an appointment and again, the day prior to the visit.
- At this time, family will not be able to attend the dental visit on the Dental Care Van. If a support is required, i.e. care-aid, this support must be pre-screened, use hand sanitizer and wear a mask and gloves prior to entering the Dental Care Van.
- Team Leader will no longer enter the facility. Therefore:
 - Wheelchair is disinfected prior to leaving it with the care-aid and again when returning to the care-aid: handles will be disinfected. Will ask care- aid to disinfect once they help the client out of the wheelchair inside the facility.
- All areas of the Dental Care Van will be disinfected, all tools are single use and those that are re-usable will be sterilized as per CDSBC guidelines. Silver Valet Dental Care reprocessing document is attached in Appendix A.

Appendix A: Reprocessing Protocols

Silver Valet Dental Care adheres to the College of Dental Surgeons of BC Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines (published July 2012).

1. Processing of reusable patient care items is as follows:

Category	Definition	Processing
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Critical items	Items that penetrate into soft tissue or bone, enter into or contact normally sterile tissue or the bloodstream (eg: dental burs, surgical instruments)	Cleaning followed by Autoclave Sterilization after every use
Semi Critical items	Items that contact mucuous membranes or non-intact skin (eg: mouth mirrors, x-ray film holders)	Cleaning followed by Autoclave Sterilization after every use
Non Critical items	Items that contact skin but not mucous membranes or that do not directly contact the patient (eg: radiograph head/cone, blood pressure cuff, pulse oximeter, patient safety glasses)	Low or intermediate level disinfection after every use

2. Processes defined:

- a. Autoclave sterilization using a Tuttnauer Closed Door System Fully Automatic Autoclave. Autoclave sterilization uses steam under pressure.
- b. Cleaning: first by mechanical means of scrubbing and removing of organic debris followed by use of Ultrasonic cleaner with a cleaning solution.
- c. Disinfection: use of Cavicide wipes.

3. Processing areas:

- a. On our Dental Care Van:
 - i. Sterilized wrapped, closed cassettes or sterilized closed bags containing dental instruments are kept in the sterile shelf – colour coded by a blue LED light. Cassettes and bags are opened immediately prior to use and are disposed of immediately after use.
 - ii. After use, opened cassettes and bags containing dirty dental instruments are housed in the dirty shelf – color coded by a red LED light.
 - iii. These two shelves are physically separated and are disinfected at the end of each day when emptied.
 - iv. Sterile and single use disposable items are stored in an enclosed space (closed cabinets) and in enclosed containers.
- b. At our depot in North Vancouver:

- i. Dirty cassettes and bags are removed from the vehicle, the entire van is disinfected and the instruments are sterilized following the guidelines of the CDSBC.
 - ii. Once sterilized, instruments are reloaded onto disinfected van.
- 4. Controls:
 - a. Mechanical indicators:
 - i. Display on Tuttnauer Autoclave displays cycle time, temperature and pressure – this is checked and recorded for each load.
 - b. Chemical indicators:
 - i. Heat sensitive tape – used on every wrapped cassette. Lines turn black when the appropriate temperature is reached.
 - c. Biological indicators:
 - i. Spore testing – used once a week– checked and recorded.
Specific product used: Ensure by SciCan Dental.