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COVID-19 Updates: August 27, 2021

To ensure the health and safety of our community since March of 2020, UTSD has adhered to strict PPE and infection control guidelines set forth by local, state, and federal guidelines for preventing COVID-19. These measures have kept our students, residents, staff, faculty, and patients safe and have minimized the spread of COVID-19 virus within our clinical practice. The ADA has also published data supporting these efforts, indicating that COVID-19 transmission in the dental setting has been minimized through the consistent use of these precautions. We are proud of our efforts and our community members who have diligently followed our safety policies.

In light of recent surge of COVID-19, many patients may request or demand provider's COVID-19 vaccination status and request to ONLY receive care by those who are vaccinated. Though it is optional for UTSD's clinicians (students, residents, faculty, staff) to disclose vaccination status to patients, it is our stance to use such opportunities to educate our patients on the effectiveness of our already-in-place PPE and infection control practices. We believe that patient education combined with our good standing record should reduce any anxiety one may exhibit when requesting a vaccinated provider.

We thank you all for continuing to follow our established safety protocols, so we can continue to care for our patients.