The CDC recommends health care facilities, including dental offices, evaluate patients before they arrive for their appointment to screen for anyone who may be ill with, or who may have been exposed to, the new coronavirus (COVID-19). CDA recommends putting the following procedures in place to slow the spread of COVID-19 and minimize the risk of exposure for patients and staff.

*Once the virus has been declared at community level by a local, state or federal public health official, screening for travel will no longer be necessary. For the most up-to-date list of countries with a Level 3 Travel Health Notice, visit [cda.org/covid19](http://cda.org/covid19).*

**COVID-19 SCREENING PROCEDURE FLOWCHART**

Is the patient experiencing fever or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing)?

- **Yes**
  - Direct the patient to contact their physician immediately or arrange to be seen at the local hospital.

- **No**
  - In the past 14 days:
    - **A.** Has the patient traveled from any locations that have a Level 3 Travel Health Notice for COVID-19?
    - **OR**
    - **B.** Has the patient been in close contact with a person confirmed to have COVID-19?

- **No**
  - Proceed with urgent dental treatment AFTER taking the recommended infection control precautions and in-person patient screening for COVID-19.