

Laboratory Infection Control Policy

A high standard of infection control is of prime importance in this laboratory. It is essential to the safety of all who come into contact with our laboratory. Every member of staff will receive training in all aspects of infection control, including decontamination of impressions, appliances and equipment. This policy must be adhered to at all times.

If there is any aspect that is not clear then please ask the Lab Manager.

This policy operates in conjunction with the Laboratory Health and Safety and governance policies.

This policy will be reviewed at regular intervals and it is important that you understand it fully and are prepared to answer any questions that clients may ask you about it.

1. Laboratory staff should be immunised against blood-borne viruses as identified by infection control risk assessment and in accordance with available industry guidance. Records of these immunisations should be retained.
2. The laboratory provides appropriate protective clothing, gloves, eyewear and masks that must be worn by technicians during all production procedures. Protective clothing worn in the laboratory must not be worn outside the laboratory premises.
3. Before donning gloves, hands must be washed using Purell Foam from the dispensers provided.
4. Impressions will be disinfected using Perform-ID in the bath provided.
5. All working areas will be kept to a minimum, clearly identified and, after session, cleaned and disinfected using Detol Complete.
6. All dental impressions, not marked as disinfected, must be rinsed until visibly clean and disinfected using Perform-ID and labelled as 'disinfected' before being sent to the production area. Appliances and work being returned to the dental practice should also be disinfected and labelled.
7. Any accidental spillages involving a potentially hazardous substance will be reported to the Lab Manager.
8. Anyone developing a reaction to any substance compound or chemical or the protective gloves must inform the Lab Manager immediately.
11. All staff involved with clinical procedures must receive appropriate training in all aspects of infection control including decontamination. This should be reviewed and recorded annually.
12. All appliances are to be steam-cleaned and disinfected with Disifin before dispatch.
13. Eating, drinking and smoking is STRICTLY PROHIBITED in any receiving, production or dispatch area.

**ALL STAFF WILL OBSERVE TOTAL CONFIDENTIALITY IN ALL INFORMATION
RELATING TO CLIENTS OF THE LABORATORY.**

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