
COVID-19 LOCKDOWN EXTENSION (8TH SEPTEMBER 2020 UPDATE)

Dear patients and our wider network of health professionals,

In line with the announcement made by the Victorian Government on 6th September 2020, the Stage 4 COVID-19 Restrictions for Metropolitan Melbourne have been extended for a further 2 weeks.

The Australian Dental Association has been advocating to ease the mandated restrictions for dental practices within Metropolitan Melbourne, considering there are no cases of transmission of COVID-19 in the dental setting, and that the dental profession has been extremely proactive in minimizing the risks, along with the adverse impact the restrictions are having on patient health and well-being. At this stage, the government remains concerned that relaxing the restrictions will increase the movement of people, subsequently the risk of further spread of the virus.

Hence, with an even heavier heart, The Dental Suites will continue to remain closed temporarily, until 27th September 2020, pending government's advice.

Our positions are as follow:

- *Re-opening has now been planned for Monday, 28th September 2020, unless the government indicates otherwise.*
- *Earlier re-opening will be immediately implemented should the government change its stance.*
- *Our telephone lines will be attended to every Tuesday and every Friday, between 9am and 1pm.*
- *The best way of communication is via email: smiles@thedentalsuites.com.au especially for emergencies, and we will endeavour to reply promptly.*
- *We are doing our best to contact all patients to reschedule appointments, so please bear with us if we have not reached you yet.*

Our thoughts are with the people of Melbourne, Victoria, and our patients in particular. The city is now in possibly the harshest COVID-19 lockdown in the world. We understand how difficult and challenging this must be for everyone. Please remember that it is important to stay healthy physically and mentally. Exercise regularly, eat a nutritious diet, keep in touch with your friends and families, and regularly check on your loved ones.

Warmest wishes to you all...

Dr. Donny, Dr. Richard, Dalena, Kylie, Jane, Lee, and Ayako