

COVID19 DUWL Protocol For Limited or Postponed Care:



With recommendations and mandates coming from dental associations and governments in all 50 states for dental practices to postpone all elective procedures ([View your state's recommendations](#)), the Team @ ProEdge suggests taking the following steps to limit the likely build up of biofilm within your dental unit waterlines and ensure CDC-compliant water upon returning to routine care.

1. Prior to Shutting Down an Operatory or Office

Purge Your Waterlines: Empty your dental unit water bottle and reattach. Completely purge or drain water from all waterlines, including A/W syringes, highspeed handpieces and ultrasonic scalers (e.g. Cavitrons) and let lines dry. Verify that your slowspeed handpiece lines are capped by attempting to purge water from them. If water comes out, completely purge these lines as well. Leave lines completely dry until the operatory/practice resumes care.

- › *If You Treat with BluTab® or Other Tablets:* Purging is usually not necessary, but given the variance of expected return, our lab recommends your practice purge in this situation.
- › *If You Treat with DentaPure Straw:* [Crosstex recommends](#) removing the DentaPure Straw, wiping down the straw, and sealing it in a ziplock bag. Label the bag with the operatory number and installation date and store away from light. Then empty the bottle and purge your lines. Shock and test upon return.
- › *If You Treat with Sterisil Straw:* [Sterisil Recommends](#) empty the bottle and leave the straw in place. Shock and test upon return.
- › *If Not Using Some Devices/Lines:* If your practice is using some waterlines of a particular dental unit but not others, purging of the unused lines will not be effective. Continue regular chemical treatment of these lines and be diligent about flushing these lines 2-3 minutes at the beginning of the day, 20-30 seconds between patients, and 2-3 minutes at the end of the day.

2. Before Returning to Routine Care

Shock Your Waterlines: Before resuming care on your dental unit, thoroughly shock all dental unit waterlines (including A/W syringes, handpieces and ultrasonic scalers (e.g. Cavitrons)) regardless of the chemical treatment product utilized.

- › *If You Treat with Straws:* Never shock through a straw (exception: Sterisil Straw with Citrisil Shock). Remove the straw and utilize a "dummy straw" or uptake tube to shock. [Contact ProEdge](#) for a complimentary dummy straw / uptake tube and visit our [How to Shock Your Dental Unit Waterlines](#) webpage for product recommendations.

3. Test to Verify CDC Compliance & Continue Treatment

Test After Shocking: Before delivering dental unit water to patients, test the water quality to ensure biofilm development during non-use is completely cleaned and CDC guidelines are met (≤ 500 CFU/mL).

- › *Mail-In Laboratory Test Kit:* R2A agar third-party verification of CDC compliance - [Click Here](#)
- › *QuickPass™ In-Office Dental Water Test:* Quick, reliable, and cost-effective in-office water test - [Click Here](#)
- › *3 Steps to Safe Water Protocol:* Non-product specific, backed by science, and proven in practice - [Click Here](#)



We're all in this together. For more COVID-19 resources or help with your waterlines, please visit ProEdgeDental.com/COVID19 or call 888.843.3343.



In this together.



ProEdgeDental.com/COVID19