



## WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

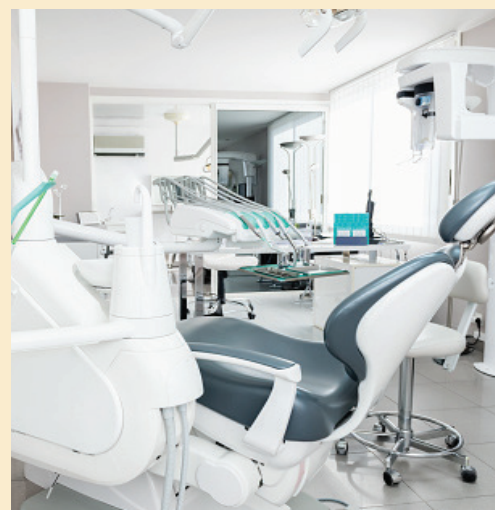
# What to expect for

## DENTAL FACILITIES

Thank you for scheduling your Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) consultation with the Washington State Department of Health. Our Infection Preventionist will do a free, non-regulatory consultation. During the visit, we will work with you to improve your infection prevention and control program. Our staff will offer recommendations and resources that will assist you in keeping staff and patients as safe as possible.

### What should you do to prepare for your ICAR?

- The ICAR visit will last approximately two hours.
- It is helpful to invite your Lead Dental Assistant, Infection Prevention Coordinator, or whomever is in charge of the Infection Prevention Program in your clinic.
- Be prepared to share any questions or concerns about infection prevention resources, vaccinations, respirator fit-testing, or state and federal guidance and initiatives.
- Please know the current status of your respiratory protection plan and any PPE shortages in your facility.
- Be prepared for an infection preventionist to tour your sterile processing area



### What can you expect after your ICAR is completed?

*Our staff will email you promptly with the following items:*

- The ICAR Consultation Summary Report outlining your best practices and areas for improvement
- Recommendations and resources to address areas for improvement
- Resources such as signage for infection prevention practices
- Certificate of ICAR participation and window cling

Thank you for inviting us into your facility. Have questions?



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