



*Special Announcement from Dr. Hisham Barakat, DDS*

**Notice of Temporary Office Closure**

Our top priority is the health and well-being of our patients, families, staff and community. In this unprecedented time, we are deeply committed to keeping everyone safe.

In light of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to close our practice until April 6, 2020. We believe that this closure will allow us to more effectively evaluate this dynamic situation and assist in following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and American Dental Association's (ADA) guidance on social separation. If you have an appointment scheduled with us this week, our office will be in touch to help reschedule your appointment.

There WILL be a dentist on call in the event of a dental emergency. Should you require emergency dental care, please call our office as you normally would and one of our dentists will contact you. All emergency dental procedures will be performed here in our Vienna Smiles office. We also offer Teledentistry which you will be able to consult with our on-call dentist and determine your best course of action. There is an additional fee associated, and we can file with your insurance on your behalf.

We did not make this decision lightly. A great deal of care, research and planning guided our decision. We will continue to evaluate the situation as it evolves and determine on a weekly basis when it is appropriate for us to return to our normal business hours.

Again, please understand that we are making this decision with the health and well-being of our patients, our families, our team and our community in mind.

We wish all of you continued health and strength during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

***Dr. Hisham Barakat, DDS, Dr. Robert DiValentin, DDS and Dr. Joy Salumbides, DDS***