

WAC 246-817-601 Purpose. The purpose of WAC 246-817-601 through 246-817-630 is to establish requirements for infection control in dental offices to protect the health and well-being of the people of the state of Washington. For purposes of infection control, all dental staff members and all patients shall be considered potential carriers of communicable diseases. Infection control procedures are required to prevent disease transmission from patient to doctor and staff, doctor and staff to patient, and from patient to patient. Every dentist is required to comply with the applicable standard of care in effect at the time of treatment. At a minimum, the dentist must comply with the requirements defined in WAC 246-817-620 and 246-817-630.

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