

Follow-Up Regarding HEPA Filtration and the Covid-19 Crisis

Dental Planet has listed several air filtration, extraoral suction, and similar products designed to increase patient and employee safety in the workplace. Customers should keep in mind the following:

- Studies have shown HEPA filtration systems are capable of capturing particles smaller than 0.1 Micron.
- HEPA filtration systems have been scientifically proven to capture many different types of microbes and viruses.
- A HEPA Air Purifier is just one step in infection prevention and not a guarantee of safety.
- The use of HEPA filtered air is STILL recommended by the CDC, as is noted in the most recent recommendations under <u>Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings</u> — 2003, Pg. 36.

Several manufacturers are currently working with researchers to get COVID-19 specific testing performed however this will take time as does any research study. In the meantime, Dental Planet, or other suppliers can not make any qualified statements about how any of these products will respond directly to Covid-19 threats.