

Ensuring CDC-Compliant Waterlines in COVID19 Aftermath



COVID19 shutdowns created the perfect storm for dental unit waterlines. As things normalize, it is important for the safety of your patients and practice that this is addressed. You want to provide the highest quality of care and safety to your patients, so follow these steps to know your waterlines are checked off the list.

Returning to Routine Care:

Shock Your Waterlines: Shocking is using a strong disinfectant to clean the inside of your dental unit waterlines. ProEdge recommends either diluted bleach or Liquid Ultra made by Crosstex. Shock all dental unit waterlines (including A/W syringes, handpieces and ultrasonic scalers (e.g. Cavitrons)) regardless of the chemical treatment product utilized. Visit ProEdgeDental.com/Shock to learn more about shocking.

If You Treat with Straws: NEVER SHOCK THROUGH A STRAW (exception: Sterisil Straw with Citrisil Shock). Remove the straw and utilize a "dummy straw" to shock. Visit ProEdgeDental.com/Dummy to request a complimentary dummy straw.

Test After Shocking: Testing is the only way to ensure that your water is safe for your patients. In fact, 31% of treated waterlines fail. So 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).

- > **ProEdge Mail-In Laboratory Test Kit:** You have the option of choosing R2A, the gold standard of testing (visit ProEdgeDental.com/R2A) or our newest technology Flo™ (visit ProEdgeDental.com/Flo). Both provide 3rd party verification and incredibly reliable testing, but Flo™ allows us to provide you with same day test results.
- > **QuickPass® In-Office Water Test:** 48 hour results, reliable, and cost-effective in-office water test. Visit ProEdgeDental.com/QuickPass to learn more.



Visit ProEdgeDental.com/Shock to watch our How to Shock with Diluted Bleach Video Tutorial.

Waterlines Deserve Your Attention:

Develop a Robust Waterline Protocol: Work with your team to take waterline maintenance seriously. And don't feel like you have to do this alone, you have a team of dedicated safe water specialists here to help! We know you didn't get into dentistry to treat waterlines, but we *did*. Our focus is to help you provide the safest water possible to your patients. So talk with a [safe water specialist](#) who can help you learn best practices and improve test results.



Go deeper. Take a live dive into having CDC-compliant waterlines for COVID19 reopening and beyond with the Team @ ProEdge.

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1 Live CE in infection control will be available via CE Zoom.

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