LaFerla Ortho is dedicated to delivering the best quality care for our patients while also protecting our team members. We are doing our best to adjust our schedule to accommodate these unsure times. We want to balance reducing the risk of spreading the CoronaVirus with making sure any needed treatment is provided. As part of our plan, we are trying to reduce the number of patients and those accompanying patients that visit our clinic, and we are postponing any non-vital appointments until it is safer.

**ARCHWIRE CHANGE INSTRUCTIONS – CoronaVirus Protocol**

We are delaying any archwire changes to reduce risk of exposure for everyone. If you have an emergency with a wire poking or bracket off, please call and we will get you comfortable. Otherwise, we believe the slight delay is the best protocol to prevent the spread of the CoronaVirus.

If there is an issue we can always evaluate the issue by texting a photo to our emergency phone at 417-317-4546 or the office email account at [admin@laferlaortho.com](mailto:admin@laferlaortho.com) place “Archwire problem” in the subject box with the patient’s name and describe the issue. This will allow us to assess the situation and see if a visit is necessary or if other advice can fix the issue without having to leave the safety of your home.

**APPLIANCE CHECK INSTRUCTIONS – CoronaVirus Protocol**

We are delaying any appliance check appointments to reduce risk of exposure for everyone. If you are actively turning a key (Herbst, RPE, MTA), please proceed as instructed. At the date when we asked you to stop turning, please send a photo of the upper front teeth from below shooting the picture upward and a second photo showing the teeth with the bite closed completely. Follow the protocol listed below to submit the pictures so we can evaluate the expansion. Please place the patients name and the phrase “Expansion check”. We will assess the photos and call you back with a recommendation. Until you hear from us, STOP turning the key but if you are in a MTA continue to wear the lower tray with the elastics.

Text the photos to our emergency phone at 417-317-4546 or send to the office email account at [admin@laferlaortho.com](mailto:admin@laferlaortho.com) place “Expansion check” in the subject box with the patient’s name. This will allow us to assess the situation so you don’t have to leave the safety of your home.