

WAC 246-817-645 Respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette. (1) A licensed dentist shall post signs in a place visible to individuals receiving services in the premises with instructions to patients with symptoms of respiratory infection to:

(a) Cover their mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing;
(b) Use and dispose of tissues;
(c) Perform hand hygiene after hands have been in contact with respiratory secretions.

(2) A licensed dentist shall provide tissues and no-touch receptacles for disposal of tissues in the dental office.

(3) A licensed dentist shall offer masks to coughing patients and accompanying individuals in the dental office.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.002 and 18.32.0365. WSR 21-01-214, § 246-817-645, filed 12/23/20, effective 1/23/21.]