



Exam Site Information for Candidates
Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)

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Texas A&M College of Dentistry
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Welcome to the Texas A&M College of Dentistry.

This handbook has been prepared to assist dental hygiene candidates for the Western Regional Examination Board Exam, in hopes that it will make your time with us as smooth as possible. If additional information is needed after reading this handbook, please email your questions to gmarin@tamu.edu

COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY FACILITY AND SERVICES

1. Building and Access Hours

We are located at 3000 Gaston Avenue, Dallas Texas, 75226, corner of CBD- Fair Park Link and Gaston Ave. The Clinic building will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the Western Regional Board Examination, unless otherwise requested by the examiners.

2. Parking

The clinic building has a parking garage on the first, second and third floors; there is a fee for parking. Overflow lots are also available. You can park in the garage next to Home2Suites by Hilton on Gaston Ave. across from the dental school main building, 3302 Gaston Ave. In addition, there is public parking on Hall Street near both buildings. You must be certain to pay as soon as you park. **The owners of the private lots will put a boot on your vehicle and then charge you \$130 plus tax to remove the boot.** So please be prepared to pay for parking. There are also pay as you park hospital lots within walking distance from the dental school.

3. Registration and Identification Badges

Numbered badges will be issued to candidates by WREB during candidate orientation and will serve as an I.D. throughout the examination. The badge must be worn at all times while in the building. Badges must be turned in at the completion of the examination as part of the check-out procedure with the Western Regional Examining Board.

4. ATM Machines

There are no ATM's located in the Main building or the Clinic building of the dental schools. ATM machines are located at Baylor Scott and White Hospital.

5. Food Service

There are vending machines located in the basement of the dental school main building. Baylor Hospital, adjacent to the dental college main building, 3302 Gaston Ave, has a full service cafeteria in the basement of the hospital that is open from 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. There are a few restaurants across the street from the dental schools main building.

6. Security

Access campus security by calling 214-828-8339 or the Dallas Emergency Management at 911.

PREPARING FOR THE EXAM

1. COVID-19 PRE-SCREENING

Patients:

- a. Patients will enter the 1st floor garage entrance that is located near Gaston Ave.
- b. Patients will be asked the screening questions.
- c. Patient temperatures will be taken.

Candidates:

- a. Candidates will enter the 1st floor of the Clinical Building at the Nussbaumer Street entrance.
- b. Candidates will be asked the screening questions.
- c. Candidate temperatures will be taken.
- d. Candidates must bring their own N95 respirator.

2. Patient Screening

College of Dentistry **cannot** provide patients for candidates. Candidates should not ask the school for patients or patient records. All candidates may use the dental school to screen patients, including use of radiology facilities. It is recommended that candidates have radiographs taken before arriving at Texas A&M College of Dentistry if possible; however, screenings can be performed in the Clinic Building, 3000 Gaston Ave. Come to room 404, in the Clinic Building, for help.

“PATIENT BROKERING, I.E. THE SELLING OF PATIENTS, WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY AND/OR ON THE PREMISES. VIOLATION OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE CAMPUS.”

3. **Radiographs**

Radiology is located on the 5th floor. Any radiographs obtained on a potential patient require the authorization of a faculty member assigned to the area. *ALL SCHOOL RADIOLOGY IS DIGITAL and can be printed out for you. There is a usage fee of \$30 per patient for them to be printed.* If you would like to use the digital radiographs, you will need to come to room 404 prior to going to Radiology. Screening and radiology will be permitted between the hours of 10:00 a.m. until Noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. from Monday, April 20th through Friday, April 23th. Candidates using the Radiology Clinic/all clinics are required to follow the infection control policy Texas A & M College of Dentistry and to wear proper clinic attire. Use of cubicles for taking radiographs must be scheduled by a Radiology staff member and will be on a space available basis.

4. **Administering of Anesthetic**

Licensed faculty will be available to administer local anesthetic to your patients. There is no charge to the candidate for this service. Since there may be a shortage of anesthetic syringes, please bring your own if you have access to one.

5. **Dental Operatory Units**

Each candidate will be assigned a numbered operatory in the clinic by the WREB which will correspond to the applicants numbered I.D. badge issued at orientation. Each operatory unit is equipped with (1) dental chair (ADEC), (1) delivery unit (ADEC), (1) operator stool, and (1) assistant stool. Operators have a cavitron or piezo. If you are assigned a chair with a piezo and do not want to use a piezo, then you will need to bring your own cavitron. Any equipment malfunctions, needs to be reported. Candidates will be allowed to move in to assigned operatory units at a time to be determined by WREB. Please note: cabinets in cubicles are not available for storage.

6. **Equipment, Instruments and Materials**

Items supplied by the school are listed in the supplements at the end of this handbook.

Hygiene does not have any instruments to rent.

a. **Ultrasonic Scalers**

All dental units have quick-connect water sources for use with ultrasonic scalers.



b. Blood Pressure Cuffs and Stethoscopes

Blood pressure cuffs and stethoscopes are available for Candidate use at each unit.

c. School Store

The College of Dentistry **does not have** a school store. Please plan ahead to bring all items you might need in addition to those supplied by the school.

7. Sterilization

Instruments that belong to you should be cleaned of debris, bagged and marked with appropriate candidate I.D. # and name. Turned into central sterilization on the 5th floor, room 547. Sterilization time is a minimum of 3 hours. You can pick up your instruments from central sterilization, room 543.

Sterilization services are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. As stated above, there is a minimum turnaround time of 3 hours for personally owned items

During the Board

1. Infection Control

a. Surface Asepsis

- Barriers:
 - 6 Large chair bags: dental chair, operator and assistant stools (also cover adjustment paddles). Bracket tray (also cover screens), assistant arm, computer screens (including keyboard and mouse).
 - 3 Sleeves: HVE, saliva ejector, air/water syringe tip (s).
 - 2 Sleeves: dental light handles.
 - 2 Tray covers: arm rest on dental chair.
 - 1 Tray cover: metal tray.
 - 2 Blue tape: switches on dental light.
- The dental unit and counter tops should be wiped or sprayed with Cavi-Wipes or Cavicide spray.

Including: Cupboard handles, all connectors and hoses, faucet handles, around the sink and any other surfaces in the unit. Allow areas to remain wet for 30 seconds. Re-wipe/spray each surface again and keep wet for 3 minutes, re-wiping/re-spraying if surfaces dry too quickly.

Do not use Cavicide on the patient chair.

b. Personal Protective Equipment

- Appropriate clothing is required (Scrubs, no open toed shoes)
- Disposable gowns, gloves, treatment masks are provided and located in the clinic.
- **NO- N95 Respirators Provided. Candidates must bring their own N95 Respirator.**
- Candidates are to provide their own OSHA-acceptable protective glasses. The school will provide protective glasses for patients on a “loan” basis.
- Antiseptic soap is available at sinks in clinic.

c. Hazardous Waste

Any blood/saliva-soaked waste is considered hazardous and must be disposed of in biohazard trash receptacles located throughout clinic.

d. Sharps Disposal

All needles, anesthetic cartridges, blades and any other potential sharps are to be placed in the sharps containers located on the wall in the unit.

2. Medical Emergencies

In order to alert emergency personnel to a medical emergency and not unduly alarm the patient population, the following protocol must be followed upon discovering a serious medical emergency:

The examiner will have access to the school's automatic external defibrillator (AED) and provide appropriate action according to the American Heart Association (AHA) standards until emergency responders arrive.

- a. The patient will remain in the care of the candidate or person discovering the problem. The patient must not be left alone. The assistant or responsible person will be sent to report the problem to the Floor Examiner.
- b. The Floor Examiner will make a judgment as to whether a "coded" emergency exists.
 1. The assistant will be sent to the dispensary for emergency kit and a request that the dispensary place an immediate call for emergency personnel. If a "coded" emergency has been declared, dispensary personnel will immediately call 911.
- c. In all possible emergencies:
 - Place the patient in a supine position, if unconscious
 - Assess consciousness and responsiveness
 - Check airway, assist respiration if indicated
 - Check pulse; be prepared to perform CPR if indicated.
- d. The examiner assumes responsibility for resuscitative procedure and the administration of emergency drugs until relieved by other personnel.
- e. AED located between A side and B side.
- f. Emergency kit located between A side and B side in the Dispensary.
- g. Oxygen tank located between A side and B side by supply cabinet across from Dispensary.

See location on the floor maps toward the end.

Travel and Housing Arrangements

1. Airline and Airport Information

Dallas is served by two airports: DFW International Airport and Love Field Airport. Depending on origination, candidates may find flights into both airports and should inquire when booking reservations.

2. Ground Transportation To/From Airports

In non-rush hour periods, expect a minimum drive time of approximately 30 to 45 minutes from DFW airport and approximately 20 to 30 minutes from Love Field airport.

- Shuttle is available to and from both airports.
 - Super Shuttle – (800) 258-3826
- Taxi cab services are available to and from airports, hotels and dental school. Some of the taxi services are listed below:
 - Allied Taxi - 214-654-4444
 - Cowboy Cab - 214-428-0202
 - Yellow Cab – 214-426-6262
- Rental car services are available at both airports. Listed below are just a few available:
 - Advantage Rent A Car – 800-777-5500
 - Avis Rent A Car – 972-574-4130
 - Enterprise Rent A Car – 972-586-1100
 - Hertz Rent a Car – 972-453-4600

Directions for Driving from Airports:

- **From Love Field:** Start out going Southeast on Cedar Springs Road toward Aviation Pl., turn left onto West Mockingbird Ln., turn right onto Lemmon Ave., turn right onto N. Haskell Ave., turn right onto Gaston Ave., end at The College of Dentistry, 3000 Gaston Ave., corner of Gaston Avenue and CBD Fair Park Link, 3000 Gaston Ave. Dallas, TX 75226. (6.58 miles)
- **From DFW:** Start out going south on International Pkwy S/TX-97 Spur S (portions toll), merge onto TX-183 E toward Irving/Dallas, TX-183 becomes I-35E S./US-77 S., merge onto TX-366 E/ Woodall Rodgers Freeway. East via exit 429A toward I-45/Houston/US-75, take the Pearl St. exit, take the Pearl St. ramp, turn slight right onto N. Pearl St., turn right onto N. Pearl Expy., turn left onto Pacific Ave., Pacific Ave. becomes Gaston Ave., turn left to stay on Gaston Ave., end at The College of Dentistry, Clinic Building, 3000 Gaston Ave. Dallas, TX 75226 (corner of Gaston Avenue ad CBD Fair Park Link). 21.01 miles

3. Housing

Reservations made directly with hotels/motels. Some hotels/motels are listed below. Candidates can inquire about shuttle services from their hotel to the dental school.

- **Home2 Suites by Hilton at Baylor Scott and White Dallas**, (214) 765-2690
3301 Gaston Ave., Dallas TX, 75246 – Across the street. Discount rate \$129.00.
Hotel parking is \$10.00 unlimited in and out. Parking is on Gaston next to the hotel.
- **Sheraton Dallas** 400 N. Olive, 214-922-8000 – 5 minutes from dental school.
- **Hotel Indigo Dallas Downtown** 1933 Main Street. 214-741-7700 – 5 minutes from dental school.
- **Hilton Garden Inn Downtown** 1600 Pacific Ave., 214-299-8982 – 5 minutes from dental school.
- **Adolphus Hotel** 1321 Commerce St., 214-742-8200 – 6 minutes from dental school.
- **The Marriott/City Center** 214-979-9000 – 650 North Pearl St., 5 minutes from dental school.
- **Baylor Medical Center Plaza Hotel** 3600 Gaston Avenue 214-820-7000 – located in Baylor Hospital complex, adjacent to College of Dentistry, 75 moderately priced rooms with no swimming pool or lounge facilities

EXAM ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

April 22 through April 26, 2022

Schedule* and Locations

Room

Candidate Orientation

Room 423

School Tour

Room 423

Clinic Exam Area

8th floor Group Practice B side

Grading Area

8th floor Group Practice B side

Patient waiting area

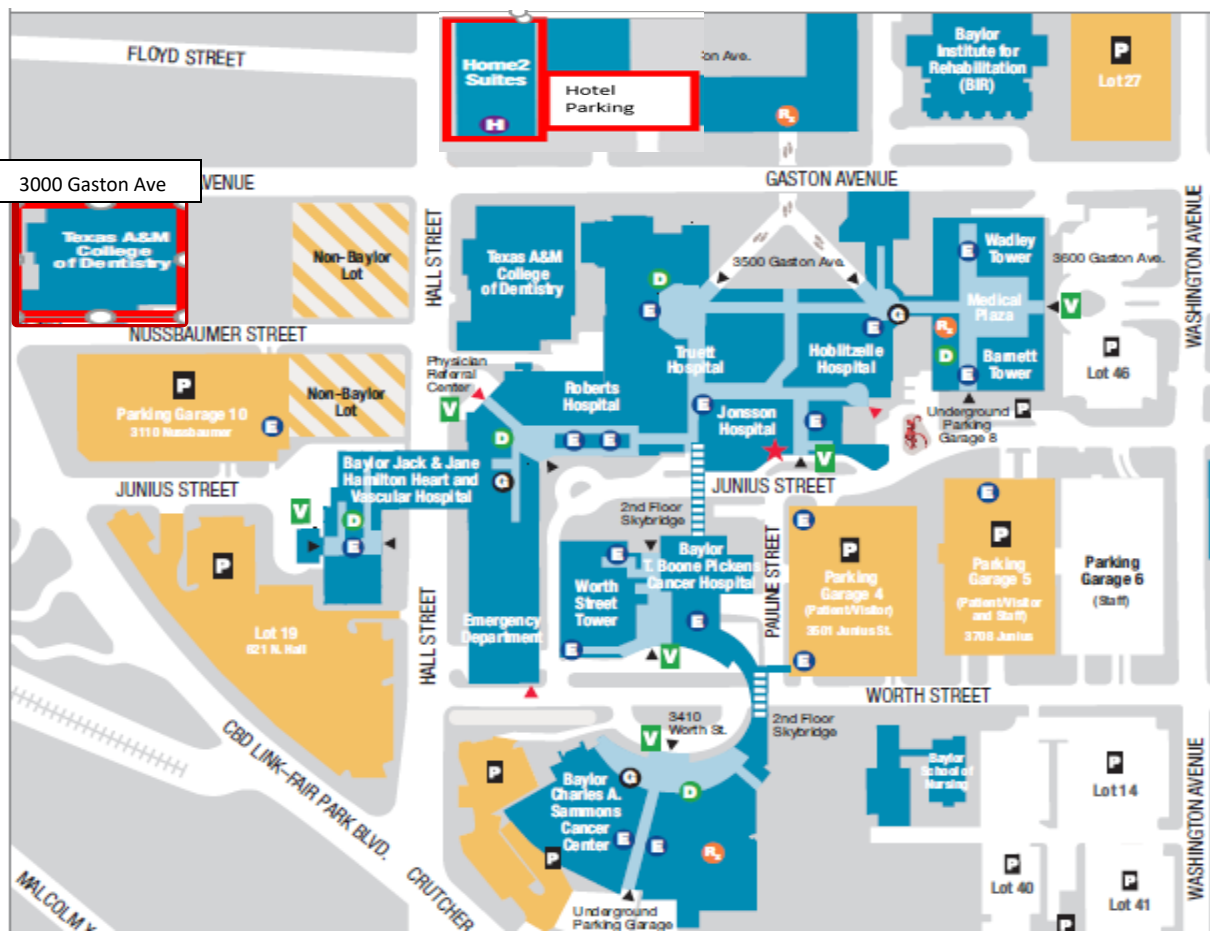
4th Floor

*See official WREB documents for times

DENTAL HYGIENE SUPPLIES

Items Supplied by Clinical Dispensary (items not listed are the responsibility of the candidate):

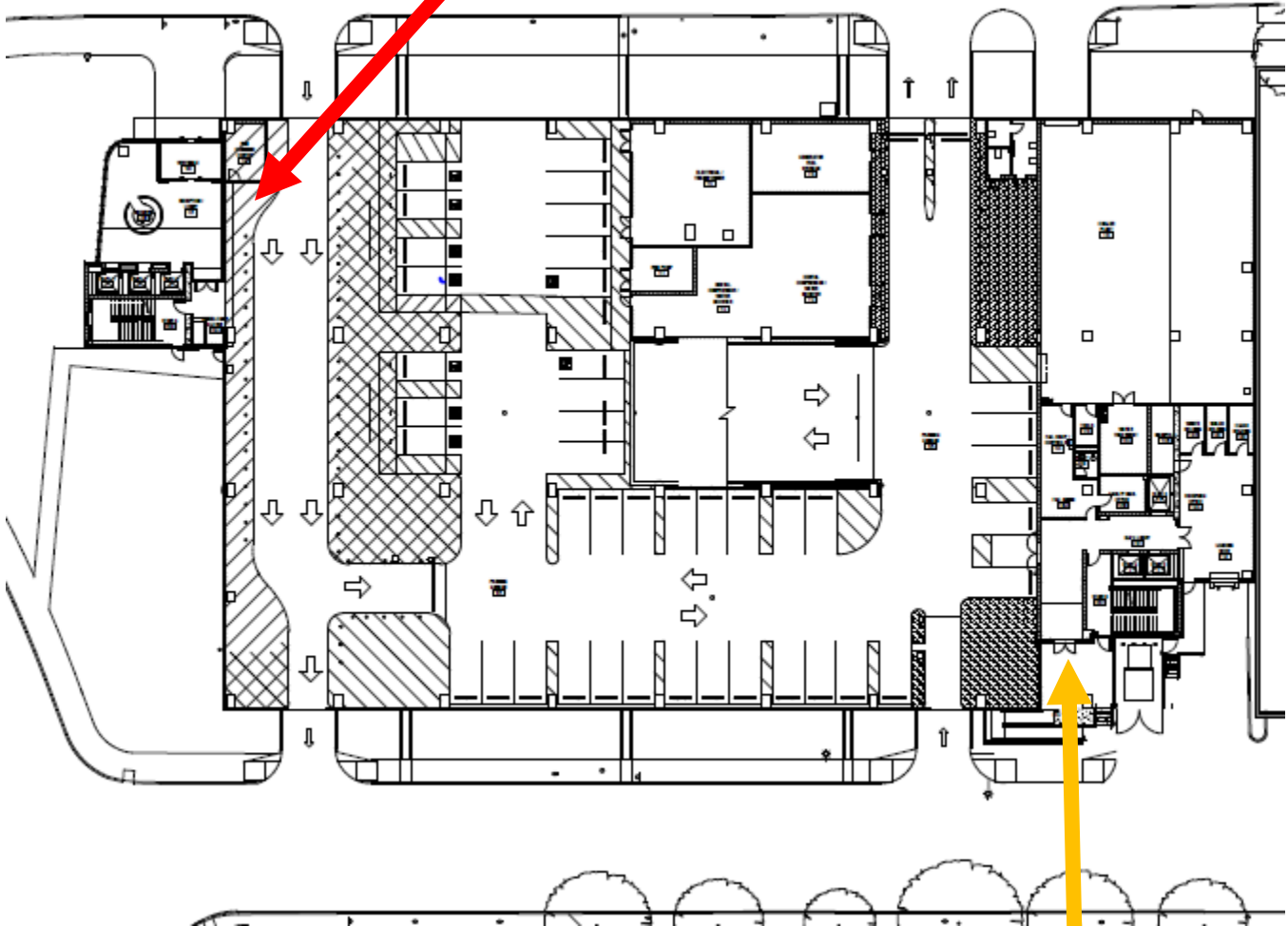
• Air/Water syringe tip, disposable	• Treatment Face masks
• Anesthetic, local and topical (for application before local) <u>No oraqix or DentiPatch</u>	• Floss
• Autoclave bags, small	• Gloves (non-latex)
• Autoclave bags, medium	• Headrest/chair covers)
• Autoclave tape	• Mouthwash
• Barrier covers/tape	• Napkins, patient
• Biohazard bags	• Needles, short and long
• Sterilization bags	• Paper towels
• Trash bags	• Patient bib clips, disposable
• Cotton gauze – 2x2	• Patient napkins/bibs
• Cotton pellets	• Plastic sleeves for unit covers
• Cotton rolls	• Prophy paste
• Cotton swabs	• Saliva ejectors
• Cups, drinking	• Soap, hand
• Disinfectant	• Trays, disposable
• Evacuator tips	• Tray covers



1st Floor 3000 Gaston Ave.

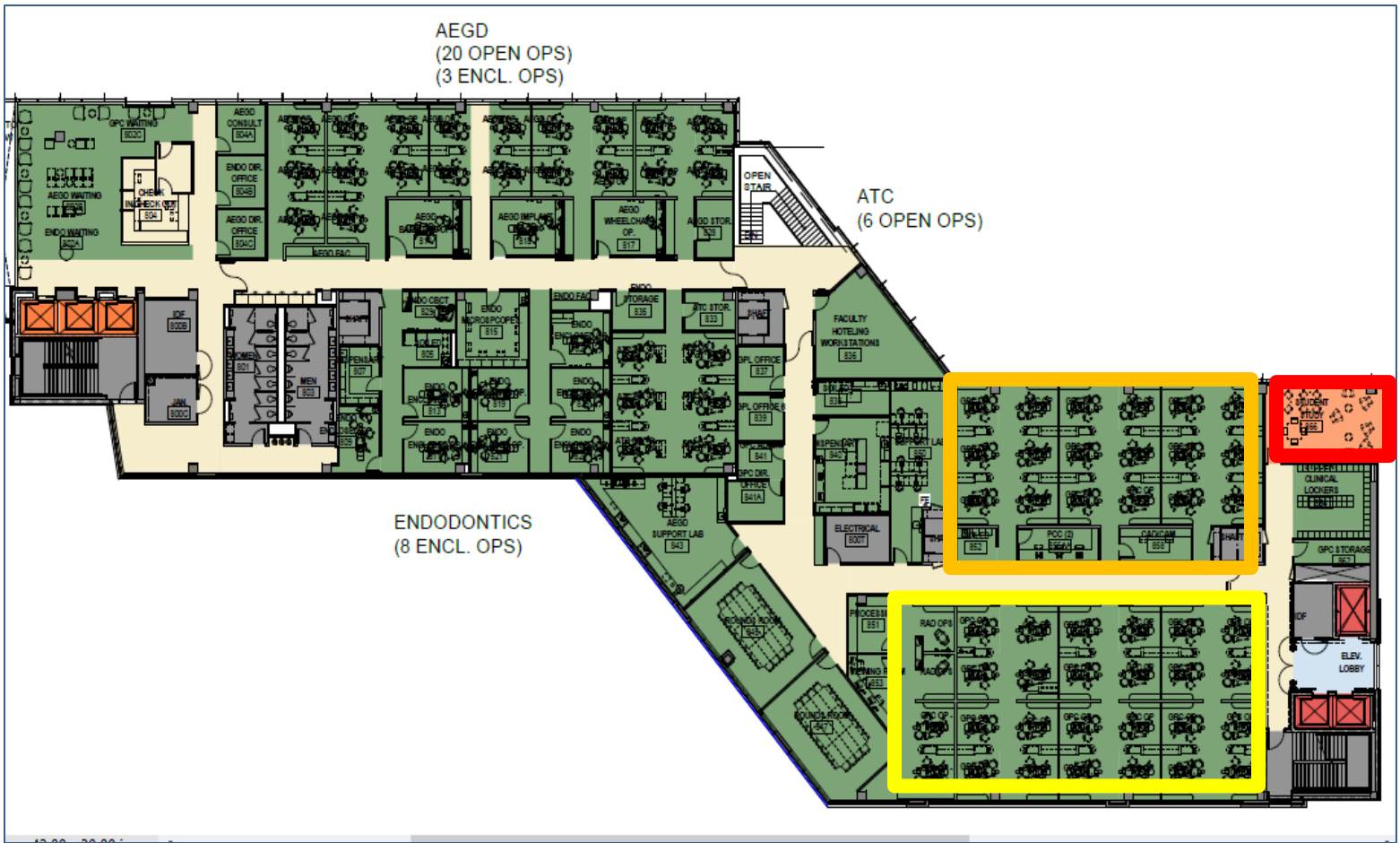
Clinical Building

Patient Entrance Gaston Ave



Candidate Entrance Nussbaumer Street

Hygiene Clinic Exam and Grading 8th Floor

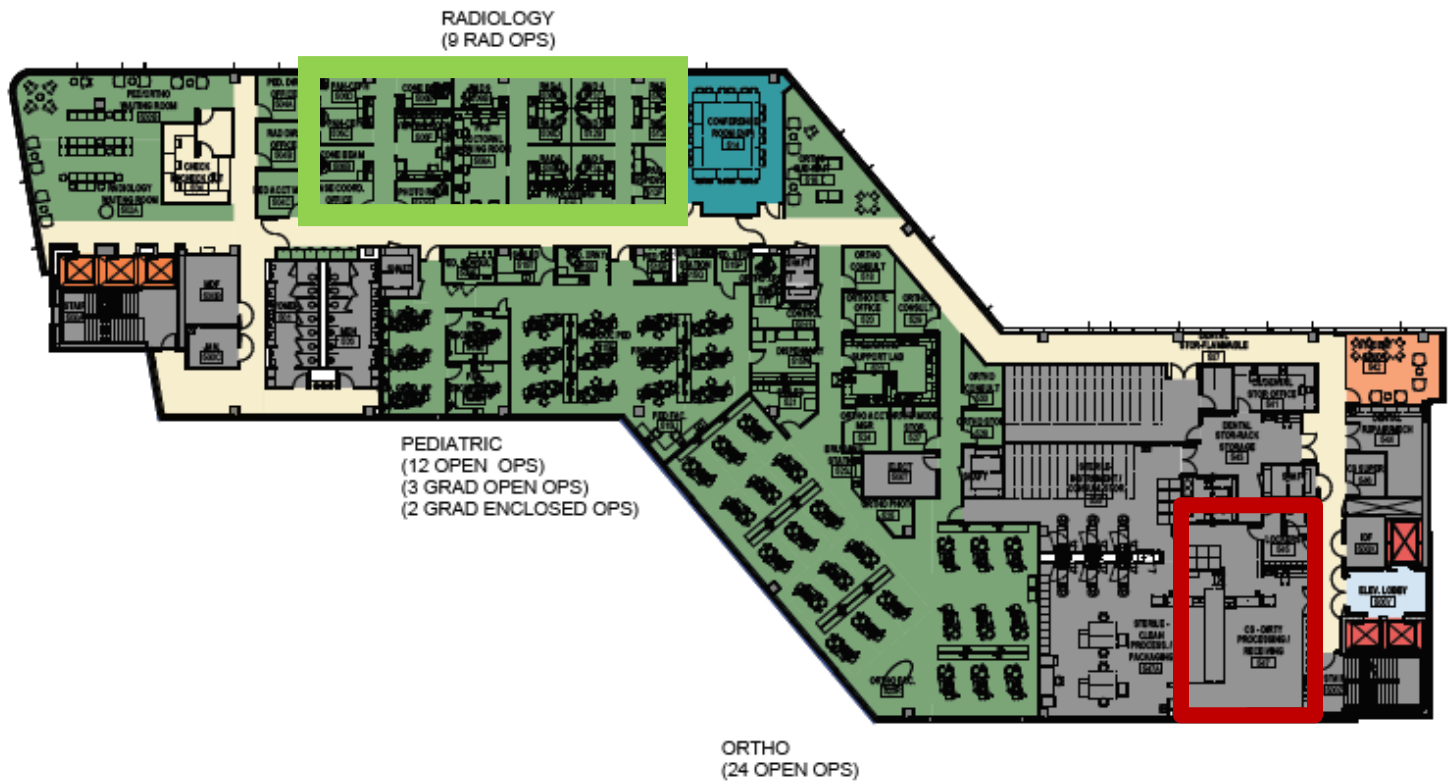


Yellow – Hygiene Clinic **Orange** – Hygiene Grading

Red – Patient Waiting for Grading

Radiology and Central Sterilization

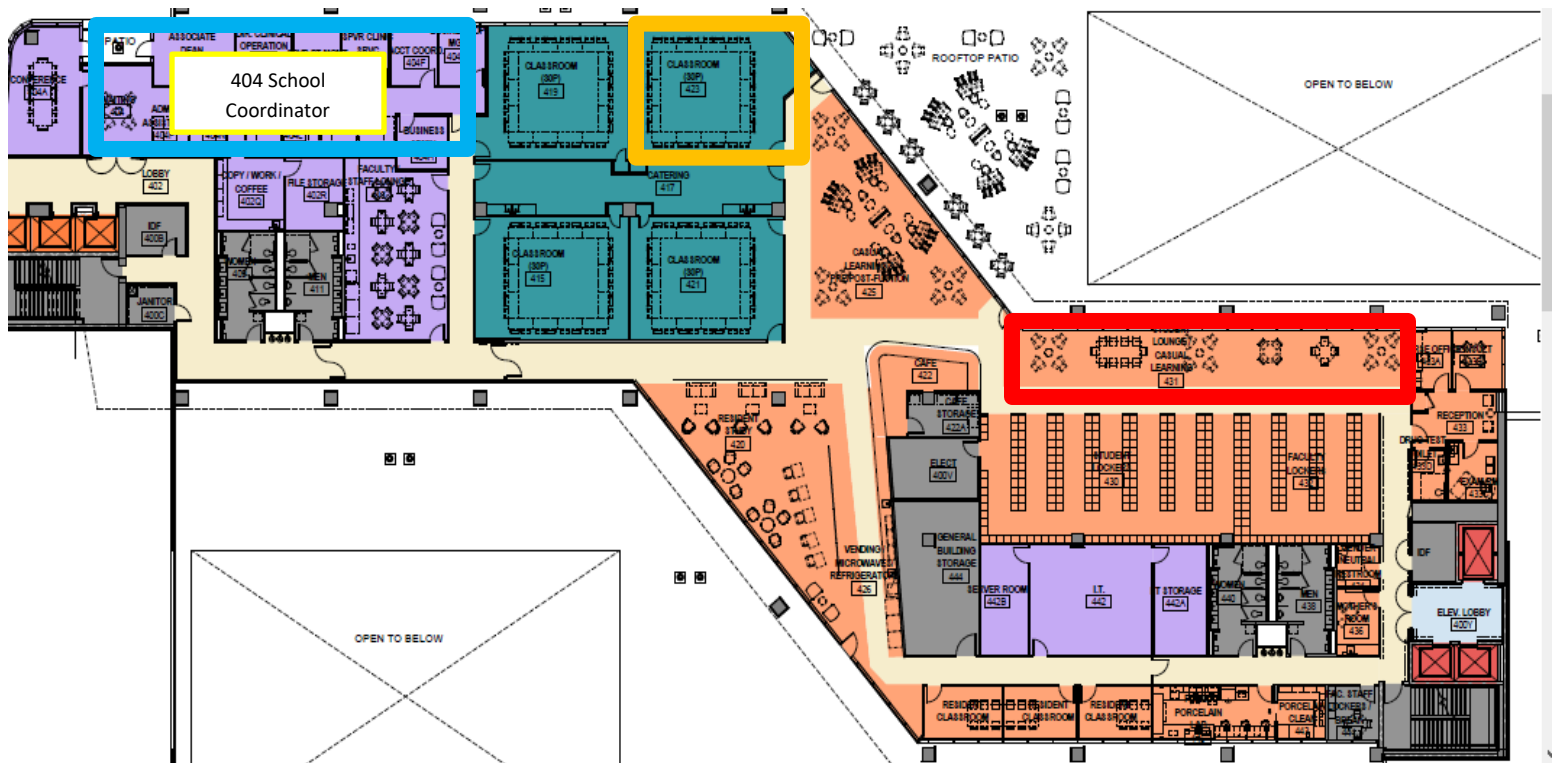
5th Floor



Lime Green – Radiology

Dark Red – Central Sterilization Room 547

Gigi Marin School Coordinator's Office
4th Floor Room 404
Hygiene Orientation Room 423



Patient waiting area before exam – **Red**

If there is a Hygiene orientation - **Orange**

PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY AND REPORT ANY “YES” ANSWERS

1. Is your temperature \leq 100.0 (F)?	YES / NO	
2. Within the past 14 days, have you been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for a cumulative total of 15 minutes) with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who is known to have lab-confirmed COVID-19 OR • Anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19? 	YES / NO	
3. Have you every been confirmed COVID-19 positive?	YES / NO	
4. Are you currently awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test?	YES / NO	
5. Have you traveled internationally within the last 14 days?	YES / NO	
6. Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours?	Fever or chills Cough Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Fatigue Body aches Headache	Loss of taste or smell Sore throat Congestion or runny nose Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea

SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE – PROBING QUESTIONS FOR POSITIVE ANSWERS

1. Current temperature is greater than or equal to 100.0 F	If yes, patient must leave immediately. Refer patient to physician or COVID testing site.	
2. Within the last 14 days, have you been exposed to or in close contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive?	<p>Do you live with this person? Still in close, daily contact? (If yes, pt. must leave immediately. Refer to testing site)</p> <p>If not living together, were you next to this person more than 15 minutes? Less than 6 feet apart? No masks worn? (If any of the answers are yes, patient must leave immediately; refer to testing site)</p>	
3. Have you been confirmed COVID-19 positive?	If yes, ask how long ago? If longer than 3 weeks ago, has no more symptoms, and hasn't had a fever for the past 24 hours without taking a fever-reducing medication (Tylenol, Advil, etc) patient may stay. If less than 3 weeks ago, patient must leave immediately and reschedule until he has been symptom free for at least 3 weeks.	
4. Are you currently awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test?	<p>If yes...</p> <p>Was the test for a medical procedure? (If no symptoms or temp, patient can stay)</p> <p>Did you choose to have the test because you had symptoms or were exposed? (If yes, have pt. explain symptoms and type of exposure...together more than 15 min? closer than 6 feet? No mask? If any of the answers are yes, pt. must leave immediately; refer to testing site)</p>	
5. Within the last 14 days, have you traveled in the US or internationally?	If yes, did you visit other people? Did you spend more than 15 minutes together? Were you less than 6 feet apart? No masks worn? (If any of the answers are yes, pt. must leave immediately; refer to testing site)	
6. If patient states they have any of these symptoms and describes them as new or unusual and they are not related to seasonal allergies or a pre-existing condition, they must leave immediately; refer patient to a testing site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever (\geq 100.0 F) or feeling feverish Chills or repeated shaking with chills Dry cough Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Fatigue and/or weakness Muscle or body aches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent loss of taste or smell Recent sore throat or headache Congestion or runny nose Sneezing or watery eyes Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea