

Belmont Equipment Advice in a case of COVID-19 shutdown

You might be wondering what you should do with your treatment centres prior to closing your practice or is there any protocol that you may need to follow. We are sharing with you 8 simple steps on how to protect your dental equipment when leaving unused for long periods. Please read carefully prior to taking any action.

1. Follow your normal waterline maintenance protocol in accordance with CQC guidelines until complete shutdown.
2. If complete shutdown for an unspecified period of time is imminent take off the clean water bottle and tip any residue water away and put the bottle back on empty. After removing the couplings and handpieces from the delivery system hold the hoses over a bucket and press the flush button or run the automatic flush if your unit has one. It's important remembering while flushing to press the syringe buttons in order to release any trapped water and continue to run the flush until the handpiece hoses run dry.
3. Do not forget to clean your suction hoses and spittoon with your recommended suction cleaner. Then run water through the hoses to make sure any residue left in the hoses is diluted down.
4. Make sure the suction pump is switched on before cleaning the hoses.
5. When the system is completely dry and the suction hoses cleaned switch the main chair switch off and any chair isolator in the room "turn off".
6. If all the treatment centres in the practice are to be shutdown for a period of time make sure the staff turn off the compressor and the suction pump.
7. If you are concerned about shutting down your equipment call your equipment dealer to help you run through this process safely. They will always be happy to help and advise at this difficult time.
8. When the time comes to return the dental treatment centre back to full use, please be aware that you will need to test your waterlines as per your normal CQC protocol. This action is essential part of the process as you want to check that you don't have any biofilm build-up during the period of stagnation.

We wish you and your families a safe transit through this difficult time. We are at our disposal to assist you with any further details: dental@takara.co.uk or service@takara.co.uk.