

# Ionizing Radiation Protection Policy Acknowledgement

## Dental Assisting Program



The Indian Hills Community College Dental Assisting Program uses ionizing radiation as part of its educational program. Certain precautions must be taken to protect the health of both student and patient volunteers to be consistent with current health guidelines.

1. Patients must present a signed **Dentist's Authorization Form** prescribing needed radiographs from the patient's dentist of record. A completed **Health History Form** and a **Patient Volunteer Form** must be provided to IHCC by the patient.
2. Persons must NOT have had bitewing exposures within the past 12 months to qualify for a bitewing series. Two retakes are allowed. There are NO retakes allowed on children.
3. Persons must NOT have had a Panelipse exposure OR Full-Mouth Survey within the past 3 years to have either of these surveys repeated. 5 retakes are allowed for the FMS. A Panelipse cannot be retaken.
4. Women of child-bearing age must inform the dental assisting student if they are pregnant or suspect they may be pregnant.
5. All patients receiving radiographic exposure must wear a lead apron with thyroid collar (unless a Panoramic exposure is being done).
6. All students must stand 6 feet away behind wall or lead shield with nomad.

I have read and I understand the Radiation Policies of Indian Hills Community College Dental Assisting Program; Safety, Protection, and Patient Selection. As either a patient volunteer or as a student/operator, my signature below signifies my compliance with these policies.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_