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Eschmann Decontamination Equipment Advice, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have been asked by a number of our UK Customers, about how to look after their machines during this period of possible reduced work-load, and in some cases ceasing work altogether.

Our advice is that during these difficult times we want to work with you and be as flexible as we can until things are back to normal.

If your Practice remains open for any patient visits, we urge you to ensure that your decontamination equipment continues to be fully functioning and tested.

However, if you do have to temporarily close your Practice, we would suggest the following;

Autoclaves.

Drain your Autoclave reservoir/s and leave the door open.

We would advise that you continue to run at least one cycle per week, and record the cycle in your Log Book (Paper or electronic). If you are putting instruments in, be sure to conduct the appropriate Daily & Weekly Tests, to prove that it continues to function correctly.

We should also remind you that having a current and valid PSSR Certificate for your autoclave is a legal requirement and could invalidate your insurance policy if allowed to lapse.

Washer Disinfectors

We would advise that you continue to run at least one cycle per week, and record the cycle in your Log Book (Paper or electronic). If you are putting instruments in, be sure to conduct the appropriate Weekly Tests, to prove that it continues to function correctly.

This cycle also helps to avoid moving parts seizing, but more importantly, to stop any residual detergent/neutralizer/rinse aid from crystallising within the system.

RO System

Store some of this water in sealed containers for use with the Autoclave on a weekly basis, otherwise purchase some distilled water for this weekly use.

Turn off all power & mains water, then fully drain down the tanks, where you have a UV Lamp then also turn off the power.

These steps will make it easier when you re-open your practice and get back up to running at full capacity, as your equipment will be 'Fit for Use'.

If you require any clarification about this bulletin, please contact our Technical Support helpline on 01903 765040, however all of our advice will be published on our Website

However, if you need to fully decommission your equipment as you are closing indefinitely, please refer to our bulletin SIB0657 (Decommission).

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