

Design Considerations for Post COVID-19 Waiting Spaces



Waiting areas that adhere to physical distancing guidelines, and offer enhanced cleaning capabilities must be achieved both now and in the future, as the COVID-19 crisis has inevitably influenced healthcare design considerations for the foreseeable future.

1. Mobile partitions for flexibility and patient separation.
2. Seating with metal frames and polyurethane or solid surface arm caps. Also ensure cleanout spacing between seats and backs.
3. Seating with healthcare-grade fabric.
4. Tables with solid surface tops or other bleach-cleanable material (no wood).
5. Optional connected tables for easier cleaning beneath.
6. Rectangular corner tables for increased distancing.
7. Settee options for family seating zone.
8. Mix of arm and armless chairs, to reduce touch points for those not needing arms.
9. No magazines, toys, informational brochures etc...
10. Readily available hand sanitizer and tissues.
11. Easy access to waste/recycling containers.

