

A note to our patients about Coronavirus

All of our staff has practiced universal and standard precautions for decades. In the very simplest terms, these precautions involve washing hands before and after patient contact. They involve wearing clean gloves when touching body fluids or any other contaminated items, as well as a clean, non-sterile gown and a mask, eye protection or face shield in the likely event of splashes or sprays. Soiled equipment and linen are carefully handled to prevent injuries from used equipment.

Some of our standard precautions include:

- Using disposable gloves and other protective barriers while examining all patients.
- Washing hands and other skin surfaces that are contaminated with body fluids immediately.
- Changing gloves and masks between patients.
- Thoroughly disinfecting each patient treatment room after each use.
- Sterilizing (heat and chemical) all instruments after each use.
- Use disposable instruments and equipment.

Extra steps have been instituted recently to minimize exposure to patient and staff:

- All non-treatment surfaces will be disinfected twice daily. This will include (but not limited to) door handles, light switches, bathrooms, faucets, sinks, counter surfaces, all seating.
- Extra placement of hand sanitizer throughout the office for patient and staff use.
- Extra stockpile of masks, gloves, gowns, soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer.
- Redoubling our efforts to ask patients with flu like symptoms to stay home and reschedule their appointments.
- Screening patients for flu like symptoms (i.e., high fever) and rescheduling their treatment.

Summary: We take your healthcare seriously! Every effort and recommendation from authorities will be followed so that we can provide a safe and healthy environment.