

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Communication with patients:

- Ask patients about symptoms during reminder calls.
- Consider rescheduling non-urgent appointments.
- Post signs at entrances and in waiting areas about prevention actions.
- Remind patients that they are to arrive at their session alone.

Prepare the waiting area and patient rooms:

- Provide supplies—tissues, alcohol-based hand rub, soap at sinks, and trash cans.
- Place chairs 6 feet apart, when possible. Use barriers (like screens), if possible.
- If your office has toys, reading materials, or other communal objects, remove them or clean them regularly.

Worker and patient safety measures:

- Upon arrival to the clinic all patient's will be asked about history of illness, exposure to illness and travel.
- Upon arrival to the clinic all patient's will receive a temperature check
- Upon arrival to the clinic all patient's will be given the option to conduct either a thorough hand washing or they will be provided with an alcohol-based wipe or liquid containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Mandatory respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs and sneezes.
- Staff will be discouraged from using other phones.
- Clinic will maintain regular housekeeping practices, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces, equipment, and other elements of the work environment. When choosing cleaning chemicals, employers should consult information on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved disinfectant labels with claims against emerging viral pathogens. Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are expected to be effective against SARS-CoV-2 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for use of all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, PPE).