



Dear Patients,

WHSNT supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) patient care guidance issued on March 17 and the efforts of state and local authorities to combat the COVID-19 outbreak. Also, of critical importance are immediate efforts to assure access to essential health care, including urgent and emergent care provided by OB/GYNs, which can alleviate burdens on primary care clinics and emergency departments.

Beginning Wednesday, 3/25/2020, the following changes will be put in place in order to minimize the exposure of both the patients and staff while still providing the community with essential OB/GYN care.

- **We will only see Gynecology patients with an urgent, emergent, or time sensitive problem** – Our staff will contact patients already scheduled for a visit between March 25 and May 1, and reschedule those who need only routine Gynecology care. Patients needing urgent, emergent, or time sensitive care will be scheduled.
- **Enhanced Cleanliness** – Along with our recently enhanced cleaning procedures, we have removed some unnecessary items from countertops and other areas around the practice, including our waiting area. We are taking additional steps to sanitize more frequently.
- **Your Appointment** – If you do need to come to the office for care, we ask that you come alone if possible. But if you do need to be accompanied, we ask this be limited to one person only, and they must be at least 16 years of age. Everyone who enters our office will be screened at the front desk, and will not be allowed to remain in our office if determined to be at increased risk of infection with COVID-19.

As you know, things are rapidly changing, and we want to do what's best for our patients and staff. The tentative date of May 4 to start seeing patients for routine visits may be pushed back until a later date, depending on when the CDC removes the restriction against routine office visits. We will provide updates as the situation evolves.

Thank you again for your trust in us during these challenging times.

For the latest information from the CDC, click [here](#).

Thank you and stay safe,

Doctors and Staff of WHSNT