**Update on Office Procedures due to Covid-19**

As we head into fall, and the concerns about a second wave of covid-19 infections, we wanted to share with you how we have prepared our office to safeguard your health during visits. **We take infection control VERY seriously.**

**It is important to keep necessary visits** because disease, and cancer, have not gone on holiday*. We have recently had several pick-ups of serious issues that had no symptoms*; it is vitally important for you to continue to keep your healthcare visits when they are due.

**Our office has spent more than $25,000 on pandemic supplies**. We will NEVER run out of masks and PPE !

We are running three virus-neutralizing air purifiers, 24/7, to clean the air. We have an ultraviolet wand for sterilization of surfaces that cannot be wiped down.

**We ALREADY had an aggressive cleaning policy**, as many of you know (!) but even THAT has been stepped up a notch! We have more than adequate supplies of virucidal wipes and cleaners. We bought ahead, so that the current shortages do not affect us at all. We have a strict mask policy: no mask, no entry.

Before the appointment, every patient is sent a letter in the mail, detailing the check-in policy. The doors are LOCKED. If you have travelled outside of the area you cannot visit until your quarantine is over. Temperatures and recent history are taken.

EVERYONE washes their hands when they enter the suite, at the sink in the waiting room, and they put a clean, ASTM level 1 mask on over their present mask. They also clean their phones if they are going to take them out.

PRO TIP: Whenever you wash your hands, clean your phone!

We hope that this helps to settle any concerns that you may have had about coming in for necessary medical care. The chocolates, candy, and the glossy magazines are gone, it’s true… but everyone gets a free, high quality mask to take home, and we are giving out little Purell bottles, as gifts!

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