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COVID-19 Update

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The physicians and leadership at PREG have been proactive in managing the practice through the Coronavirus pandemic. We are here for you and have enhanced our virtual visit capabilities to better serve you. All of our offices will remain open during regular business hours for testing and treatment. This page will continually be updated regarding our office hours and approach to care.

First and foremost, if you are sick please call us. Do not come to the office. We will help make arrangements to continue your care without seeing you in the office.

We will be screening all patients for recent travel and signs of illness.

Fertility Healthcare

The health and well-being of our patients and staff is PREG's highest priority. Our team is working diligently to stay informed on the emerging scientific developments and evolving guidance from our local and national leaders in public health regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 and Pregnancy

Currently, very little is known about the impact of the COVID-19 on reproduction and pregnancy. There are reports of women who have tested positive for COVID-19 delivering babies free of the disease. The data is reassuring but must be interpreted with caution given the small numbers. Other forms of coronavirus (MERS and SARS) have been linked to increased adverse outcomes during pregnancy, but data specific to COVID-19 is not yet available. **It should be emphasized, however, that coronaviruses are unrelated to the ZIKA virus, which has very clear implications for pregnancy and fetal development.** Given the information we do have, while it would be wise for individuals with confirmed or presumed COVID-19 infection to avoid pregnancy, there appears to be little cause for alarm for those already pregnant.



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Help Us Help You

If you have a fever, notify your care team and do not come into the clinic. We will make alternative arrangements. It may be necessary to interrupt ongoing treatment if you become infectious.

Limit guests to one per patients.

Please do not bring guests under the age of 18 to the office.

Strict personal hygiene. especially hand-washing and avoiding potential exposures are the most important measures you can take to protect yourself, your family, and your community.

What We Are Doing

We are committed to help control the spread of COVID-19 by complying with guidance to maximize social distancing. We will move our patients out of the reception area as quickly as possible upon arrival. Some patients may choose to wait in their car until their doctor is available. Please let our administrative team know if you'd like for them to text you when to come inside the office.

For patients who prefer not to come to an in-person visit, we will be offering virtual visits and phone appointments.

We have directed our nurses and financial counselors to shift primarily to phone, video and online communication.

We have implemented additional measures for disinfecting common areas and have reinforced infection control procedures with all our staff.

We understand these are unrepresented times and can be quite worrisome for our patients, but rest assured we are committed to providing the exceptional fertility care that you have come to know at PREG. Our team is dedicated to helping you achieve your dream of having a family!