**COVID 19 and YOUR Eye Care**

As we are all aware the COVID 19 pandemic has changed how we live and work. In order to safe guard your health when you come to our offices for eye care, we have made certain changes in how we operate.

1. If you have a cold, or flu, not feeling well, please reschedule your visit until you are feeling better. A staff member will be calling one day prior to your visit to confirm your appointment and they will inquire about your health, please assist them by allowing them to discuss with you any health issues you may be having.
2. If you are a high-risk patient, or just want to have less people in the office during your visit, we are setting aside the first visit in the morning and afternoon for these patients
3. Please wear a mask. I have ordered masks, but they have not arrived yet and they will be available outside the office for your use.
4. When you get to the door, you will find hand sanitizer, even if you are wearing gloves, please sanitizer your hands before entering. The problem with gloves is that they can be contaminated, so anything you touch with that glove could be contaminated. Keep us all safe, sanitize please.
5. Only the patient and one care giver will be allowed to come in the office. All others should wait outside in your car. If you do not need a care giver, please come alone into the office
6. If you want curbside assistance, I have installed a door bell, please ring the door bell and a staff member will come to the door to assist you.
7. Once in the office, please observe social distancing at all times as much as you can.
8. Many the staff will wear a mask or be behind a barrier when they are working with you.
9. Please bring your own pen to fill in and sign documents or allow the staff to sign documents on your behalf.
10. Frame selection for new eye wear and repairs to your glasses can take place. However, your personal eye wear may be contaminated, so prior to repairs or adjusting, they will be placed in an ultrasonic cleaner for about 2 minutes.
11. With contact lens dispensing or other contact lens services, we will not be touching your actual contact lenses. If you want to have your boxes of contact lenses sanitized, just mention it to a staff member.
12. There may be changes to this list, as we move forward with our virus containment program.

This will be a long-term program until a COVID 19 vaccine is readily available and is found to be safe and effective.

1. Even though we’re approaching the end of the stay at home order, I’m still going through the chart of each patient that was pre-appointed to assess their risk level so that I reschedule those that I determine are high risk “routine” appointments. For those low risk patients, I’ll use time slots that are spaced apart so that patients don’t cross paths.
2. Physical distance markers are in office, fewer chairs in waiting room to keep people apart, ask patients to come in wearing a mask/face covering if they have one available.
3. 1The minute the patient enters they are asked to use our hand sanitizer. Patients are asked if they have any symptoms like fever, cough, shortness of breath... Staff disinfects everything the patient touches, even door knobs after patient leaves the office. Of course, our staff wears mask or face shield and gloves as necessary.
4. We ask only the patient being seen to enter the office, drivers wait in car.