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Corona Virus (Covid 19) Actions

I have been keeping abreast of the information on the corona virus as it has become available. Based on the mode of transfer, the number of cases, and the demographics of those most vulnerable for severe disease, I have continued to keep the practice open with the following provisos.

Our first priority is the safety of our patients as we continue to practice ophthalmology during this Covid 19 epidemic. We are screening patients when confirming appointments and upon arrival to reschedule individuals with any symptoms of illness. Likewise, except for emergency issues, we are asking immune-compromised individuals and those with pre-existing respiratory illnesses to defer appointments until the epidemic is over.

We have always cleaned the eye equipment after each patient encounter according to the AIDS prevention protocol. In addition, we now clean the chairs and surfaces after every patient encounter.

We are limiting the number of individuals in the waiting room and offer to call people in their car when it is their turn. Periodically throughout the day we re-clean the surfaces in the waiting room and reception area. We have hand sanitizer available in our waiting room and throughout the office. We have soap and water in each exam room and we practice strict hand washing or sanitizer use with each patient encounter.

Elective surgery is being deferred until April 7th subject to favorable circumstances for return to normal activity. Each individual must decide the course of action with which they are comfortable. We stand ready to continue to offer ophthalmologic care in a safe, clean, and pleasant environment.

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