## COVID-19

## Help prevent the spread of illness.

#### Dear patient,

We understand you and your loved ones may be concerned about the spread of COVID-19. Your safety and well-being are our top priority, and we are taking every precaution to help keep you safe.

## Before coming to our clinic:

#### Call ahead before seeking care.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to other respiratory illnesses like the flu, including:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

If you have these symptoms:

- Mild symptoms can be treated at home.
- If your symptoms worsen, call our office before coming to the clinic. We will let you know what to do next and if you need to be seen.

# Visitor restrictions are in place at all hospitals and clinics.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, local hospitals are:

- limiting visitors to one person over the age of 12 for hospital visits and doctor's appointments at clinic locations.
- screening patients and visitors for symptoms of illness upon arrival.
- asking patients and their loved ones with symptoms related to COVID-19 to return home.
- providing information about what to do if you have symptoms to prevent the spread of illness.
- posting changes on these restrictions to www.unchealthcare.org/coronovirus

### **COVID-19 Symptoms** –

COVID-19 is similar to other respiratory illnesses like the flu. Symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

## Steps to Protect You and Your Family —

You can help to protect yourself and your loved ones by taking these simple steps: Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Stay at home if you are sick.

#### **Questions about COVID-19-**

If you have a general question about COVID-19 please call the North Carolina COVID-19 Hotline. If you are concerned that you've been exposed please call our office or the UNC Health Helpline.

**North Carolina COVID-19 Hotline** 

866-462-3821

24 hours, seven days a week

**UNC Health Helpline** 

- or - 1-888-850-2684

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