

Our valued patients at North Mississippi Allergy and Asthma Center:

With the progression of the coronavirus and now the State of Mississippi officially declared under Medical Emergency, we wanted to communicate with our patients that your health and the health of our staff are our highest priority! The general population is at low risk for serious complications from exposure to coronavirus, however, due to the nature of our practice, many of our patients are at higher risk for complications due to underlying immune deficiencies and/or asthma. Out of caution and concern for your health, we are providing the following update:

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Take your prescribed medications DAILY. Do not miss a dose. This is a time for strict compliance!
2. Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for 30 seconds.
3. Cover your nose and mouth with your elbow fold when you cough or sneeze and wash your hands afterwards.
Do not shake hands.
4. Avoid elective large gatherings such as sporting events, concerts, and movies.
5. Stay home if able.

FEVER:

1. A fever at this time is defined as a temperature of 100.5 or greater.
2. Use an accurate thermometer if you feel like you have a fever or become sick. Write your temperature down.
3. If you have had a FEVER WITHIN FIVE DAYS.

RESCHEDULE any appointment and DO NOT come in for allergy shots or other shots including biologic injections.

4. If you have an ACTIVE FEVER, stay home, contact your primary care provider by phone for further instruction. DO NOT COME INTO OUR OFFICE FOR ANY REASON BEFORE SPEAKING WITH A PHONE TRIAGE STAFF MEMBER OR PROVIDER! This is necessary in order to decrease any possible contamination of the whole office clinic!

WHAT WE ARE DOING:

1. Monitoring our staff for symptoms.
2. Increased sanitation of common areas with approved disinfectants.
3. Daily review and updates (as needed) of current standard of care protocols.
4. Continued updates and communication with you.

We have carefully reviewed and are continuing to review all available literature including published articles, World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines and Centers of Disease Control (CDC) statements. North Mississippi Allergy and Asthma Center is committed to your health and well-being, and during this time, we will continue to provide exceptional care for you, our patients!

Sincerely,

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