



## **ASSOCIATES IN OPHTHALMOLOGY AND ASSOCIATES SURGERY CENTERS**

### **MEASURES TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

The list below is a summary of the measures implemented in accordance with all current guidelines from the appropriate governmental agencies in order to limit exposure to the Coronavirus.

- Screening of all patients when scheduling an appointment and during appointment reminder for all office visits and surgeries. If a patient is feeling ill or experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, they will be asked to reschedule their visit or surgery.
- Screening of all patients and employees when entering the building for temperature and other current CDC screening guidelines.
- All patients and employees must wear a surgical mask or cloth covering over their nose and mouth at all times in the office and patient care areas.
- Access to the office and surgery center is limited to patients only. Any patient needing assistance during the visit may have one person accompany them who will also be screened and will also be required to wear a mask.
- Restrictions in place for deliveries and vendors to access the office. Everyone must wear a mask at all times.
- Patients will be asked to maintain social distancing standards and stay six feet from other patients in the waiting area. Chairs have been removed or designated as not usable in order to assist with social distancing.
- Signage installed in all locations advising patients of the measures in place.
- Employees are asked to stay home if they are feeling ill or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Non patient care employees are working remotely as appropriate.
- Safety shields have been installed on all slit lamps in all locations.
- Safety guards are being installed at the front desk and registration areas.
- Installed multiple wall mounted hand sanitizer units in all offices.
- Modified patient workflow to reduce the number of rooms used and amount of time in the waiting areas.
- Implementation of telehealth visits as an option for patients who can be treated without the need for an onsite exam or diagnostic testing.
- Protocols approved for employees who may test positive or have been exposed to a COVID-19 patient.
- Chairs and equipment in the office will be cleaned after each patient. All high touch areas are being cleaned frequently throughout the day. All cleaning services have updated their protocols and supplies to meet CDC guidelines.