COVID-19 Policies

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Due to the threat of the coronavirus pandemic, we are implementing the following office policies as required by the Texas Medical Board:

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**All staff should wear masks with any patient contact and when within 6 feet of any patient or other staff member.**

All patients must be screened for COVID exposure or symptoms prior to each visit. If any known exposure or symptoms are identified, staff is to discuss appropriate visit type with physician.

All sick visits should be conducted via telemedicine unless authorized by physician.

All well visits will be conducted in the morning and early afternoon prior to any sick visits in the office.

Avoid using nebulizers in the office. If a child is in respiratory distress and needs nebulization, CPR and/or oxygen, staff must wear full PPE.

Full PPE is required for aerosolizing procedures such as nebulizers and nasopharyngeal swabs such as RSV, influenza and COVID-19 tests. These tests should only be performed if the diagnosis will impact care and/or treatment of the patient.

When appropriate, all aerosolizing procedures should be completed outdoors.

When an aerosolizing procedure is completed in the office, the exam room should be sanitized and remain unused and with door shut for more than two hours.

All staff temperatures will be taken every morning. Any temperature of 99.5 or more will be reported to office manager.

Staff should stay home if they are feeling ill, have fever or cough or other symptoms of infection.

Any direct contact with a known COVID-19 positive person by any staff should be reported to office manager.