

A Message to all our Valued Patients:

We at Hudson Family Practice want you to know we remain vigilant in keeping up with the current CDC/ Ohio Department of Health standards of care. We remain in constant contact with all local, state and federal societies to provide you with excellent care and up to the minute standards which are changing daily. We are all deeply committed to keeping our patients safe and educated. We are here for you to support you and guide you through this trying time.

Per CDC guidelines, if you have a fever, acute lower respiratory symptoms, including cough and shortness of breath, myalgia(muscle pain) or fatigue, or have had contact with anyone known or suspected of having COVID-19, traveled to an affected geographic area, or had contact with anyone who has traveled to any of these areas, we ask that you call the office for further instruction to discuss if in person medical evaluation is needed and if testing is needed.

Remember the majority of these cases (80%) are mild, and most recover with supportive care. These cases require minimal interventions beyond what you would do for the typical flu, such as staying home while symptomatic, resting, and taking over-the-counter medications, if appropriate, to mitigate discomfort. There are no specific treatments for this disease, and antibiotics do not help.

Now is the time to remain calm and practice good hygiene.

Remember:

- Wash hands frequently (20 seconds) with soap and water, purell if there is no access to soap and water
- Limit close contacts and practice social distancing
- Do not share drinks or utensils
- Don't touch your face
- Practice good hygiene with sneezing and coughing

More serious symptoms will need evaluated by a healthcare provider, including high fever and difficulty breathing.

Keep in mind outpatient physician offices, such as ours, do NOT have the capability of testing for COVID-19 at this time. All testing is done through the Dept. of Health or a local hospital system currently. We can help you decide if further testing is needed through our triage team.

Hudson Family Practice will continue to follow all guidelines recommended by the CDC and local and state health agencies. We will comply with all federal and state mandates. We make cleanliness and hygiene our top priority. We employ serious sanitation practices at all times, and in recent weeks have proactively implemented additional measures including continuously disinfecting commonly touched surfaces multiple times throughout the day in all areas of the office. Hand sanitizer stations are provided through out the office as well.

For most up to date information regarding the virus, please visit the CDC website.

During this difficult time, we will continue to care for our patients with passion, diligence and responsibility. It is our privilege to serve you, and on behalf of our entire team, we thank you for putting your trust in us to care for your families.

Take care of yourself and each other,

Dr. Terry J Wagner and the staff of Hudson Family Practice