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Dear Valued Patients,

As the situation with COVID 19 continues to evolve in the United States, our office is taking measures to ensure the safety of our patients and staff.

Currently, Flatiron Allergy and Asthma Center will remain open to serve the community for their asthma and other allergic needs. We are engaging in telemedicine when appropriate, and completing additional screening and safety measures, some of which include:

1. Screening patients in advance for cough, fever, travel or sick contacts. If patients have symptoms, depending on severity, they may be recommended to seek care at the local emergency department and/or reschedule to a telemedicine appointment.
2. Screening our staff for fever and cough prior to each shift. All staff will be wearing masks to prevent potential transmission of disease.
3. Screening patients and family members in office for fever and rescheduling any febrile patients.
4. Minor patients are asked to be accompanied by only 1 adult family member. When possible, we request that siblings remain at home, unless they will also be receiving treatment.
5. Increased disinfection of surfaces that have patient contact and having our staff wash hands before and after every patient encounter.
6. Consider switching from in person follow up to telemedicine visits for the following visit types:
 - a. annual follow up where symptoms are controlled
 - b. screening visit because of concern for COVID 19
 - c. laboratory results review and filling out school forms
7. For allergy shot patients:
 - a. In order to help with social distancing, we are:
 - i. Limiting the number of patients in our lobby. Patients may wait outside of the clinic in the hallway for the 30 minute wait. It is important to keep your own timer and to inform us if there are any symptoms during your 30 minute wait.
 - ii. Offering increased spacing out of allergy shots. For patients who are on maintenance therapy, spacing out injections to temporarily every 4 weeks instead of the usual recommended every 2-4 weeks. For patients in the build-up phase, one may consider making the current build up dose as a maintenance and spacing out that dose temporarily for the near future.

Thank you for your patience and understanding concerning these new measures.

Sincerely,

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