

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 03/17/2020

We take the health, safety and welfare of our patients and staff members very seriously. We are staying updated on constantly changing recommendations to ensure that the risk of COVID-19 transmission is minimized. New Jersey Governor, Phil Murphy declared a State of Emergency and a public health emergency on Monday, March 9, 2020 as the number of coronavirus cases in New Jersey continues to grow. This action allows the State to deploy every available resource, across all levels of government, to help respond to the spread of COVID-19 and to keep state residents informed.

We know many of our patients are in pain and seeking treatment even in light of the current situation. At Pace Orthopedics & Sports Medicine we are implementing several changes to our patient flow procedures to allow us to continue to provide care to our patients in need while minimizing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 as much as possible.

Along with good hygiene practices, we emphasize unless it is an emergency, stay home IF YOU FEEL SICK. Try to avoid errands and largely populated areas when you are sick. This will help prevent the spreading of illness to others.

When contacting our offices, disclose if you have had recent travel history to countries considered high risk, have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 and if you are experiencing the following symptoms: fever, cough and shortness of breath.

If you are symptomatic, the state has activated a 24-hour hotline with trained health professionals available for those who want to be tested and for those who have questions about the virus at 1-800-222-1222. More information is available at the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/>

We are implementing the following protocol for patients coming to Pace Orthopedics for an appointment to minimize contact between patients and staff:

1. Patients arriving in our parking lot in a personal vehicle are asked to call the office at 609-927-9200 or fax at 609-300-4283 to let us know you have arrived.
2. We are asking that patients wait for their appointment in their own vehicles. You will be contacted when it is your time.
3. In the event you arrive by public transportation, please report to the reception window for further instructions.
4. All reading materials will be removed from the waiting area and we ask patients to maintain 6 feet distance from other patients.
5. We ask that ONLY the patient enters the office, except in the case of young children that require supervision.

We thank all of our patients in advance for their understanding and cooperation in minimizing the risks of COVID-19 transmission.