

## **IMPORTANT COVID-19 NOTICE FOR PSKC PATIENTS**

Dear PSKC Patients and Community,

We hope you and your loved ones are safe and well during this current public health crisis. With the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) we are working diligently, under the guidance of local public health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to reduce the risk of exposure for you as much as is humanly possible.

For the safety of our community, Puget Sound Kidney Centers is implementing the following practices until further notice:

- All people entering the centers will be screened for symptoms of fever, sore throat, cough, or difficulty breathing.
- Any patients with symptoms will be required to wear a mask during treatment, and their care staff will wear protective equipment as well.
- No visitors are allowed at PSKC centers – only essential care partners are allowed in the facility and they must remain chairside.
- All staff must wear masks while in the patient screening and treatment areas
- We have increased our surface disinfecting and cleaning in all centers.
- All non-essential meetings and classes (including CKD education and Choices classes) are cancelled until further notice.

Please stay safe and healthy by following these recommendations:

- Practice social distancing by keeping at least six feet between you and others.
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds; use hand sanitizer in the absence of soap and water
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a disposable tissue and discard, or cough into the bend of your elbow
- Regularly clean and disinfect all surfaces you touch frequently in your home and car
- Self-isolate as much as possible and avoid gatherings of more than 10 people
- Come in for your regularly scheduled dialysis treatments
- If you are sick, call your center in advance of your scheduled treatment
- If you have been exposed to anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19, please notify us as soon as possible

Your welfare, health and safety are our top priorities. If you have concerns, please contact your PSKC care team.

Sincerely,  
Puget Sound Kidney Centers