



TO: Toledo Orthopaedic Surgeons patients and family,  
FROM: Toledo Orthopaedic Surgeons Team

We are closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak via the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>), Ohio Department of Public Health (DPH), (<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home>) and the World Health Organization (WHO). New information is being put forth on a daily and sometimes hourly basis. Therefore, protocols are rapidly changing. We are looking to find the best way to continue to provide excellent Orthopaedic Care to our patients while avoiding a the potential impact of negatively effecting the health of patients, our staff, providers, or the community.

In compliance with state and CDC recommendations, we are requesting that all of our patients and their guests screen themselves for the following criteria:

If you . . .

- \*have a fever
- \*have a cough
- \*have shortness of breath
- \*have been exposed to a person with the coronavirus
- \*have been exposed to a person with any other communicable disease
- \*have traveled to an area impacted by the coronavirus (e.g. China, Korea, Iran, Italy)

Please, reschedule your appointment or surgeries for at least 21 days.

We have posted signs in our front office and are following CDC recommendations for screening and management of patients. (Staff are asking all patients screening questions when they schedule and check in for their appointments.).

In support of the concept of social distancing, we are requesting that patients do not bring visitors with them to their appointments unless the patient is a minor or requires assistance.

As stated before, the situation surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak is in a state of flux. We are in close communication with the local healthcare systems and will continue to keep our patients and their families up to date through our phone system and our website.

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