

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

At New York Eye Surgery Associates and the Ambulatory Surgery Center of Greater New York, we are currently working diligently to make certain our practice and facility is able to continue to care for our patients, while ensuring their safety, during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Helpful Hints to Stop the Spread of Germs:

- Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth and face.
- Keep a distance from those who are sick and stay home when and if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then dispose of the tissue.
- Clean and disinfect exposed surfaces.

How Coronavirus Spreads?

- Being in close proximity of a patient with Coronavirus (COVID-19) for a prolonged period of time.
- Having direct contact with infectious secretions from a patient with COVID-19. Infectious secretions may include sputum, serum, blood, and respiratory droplets.

Patient Screening:

- We are carefully all screening patients prior to their appointments and surgical procedures at practice and surgery center respectively.
- We are encouraging all patients who are sick to stay home and reschedule their appointments and surgical procedures.
- We have a plan in place in accordance with the Department of Health should a patient walk in and believes that he or she may have the Coronavirus.

Steps We are Taking to Prevent the Spread of Germs

Environment:

- All chairs and equipment are wiped down with germicidal cleaning agents after each surgical procedure, patient visit and diagnostic test in the practice and surgery center according to policy.
- In addition, throughout the facility, other rigid surfaces and “high touch” areas, such as desks, tabletops, countertops, chair arms, door handles, restrooms (sink handles, flushometers, etc.), keyboards, remote controls, watercoolers, railings and bannisters are receiving these applications frequently throughout the day by our Maintenance/Custodial staff, as well our Housekeeping staff in the evenings.

Our Staff:

- We are instructing our employees that are sick to stay home. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that employees who appear to have symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath) upon arrival to work or become sick during the day should be separated from other employees and be sent home immediately and be referred to their PCP or nearest hospital.