

## COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) preparedness at Allergy & Asthma Center

As DC, MD and VA's premier allergy, asthma and immunology practice, AAC is prepared to meet the area's critical care needs. To date, there have been no cases of COVID-19 reported at AAC in any of our locations.

We are on alert about COVID-19 and have a number of precautions and screenings in place to protect staff and patients during this sensitive time.

- 1. We are have orders of face-masks arriving and we are actively looking for more.
- 2. We are implementing a comprehensive Personal Protective Equipment Program to maintain a safe and healthy environment.
- 3. We are cleaning and disinfecting public surfaces, and patient rooms multiple times a day according to recommendations by the CDC.
- 4. We are regularly communicating about COVID-19 with our staff and sharing information about what is currently known, future forecasts, and our preparedness plans.
- 5. We are screening patients for symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g., fever, cough, difficulty breathing) and urging them to not come in if exhibiting these symptoms. We are also leveraging our staff to educate incoming callers about when to seek medical care at our offices and when to seek emergency care.

Prevention is a key strategy, so it is important to both protect yourself and take measures against spread to others. Allergy and Asthma Centers will continue to monitor this public health concern and keep our patients and staff up to date. We will continue to stay open to serve the community and we recommend you regularly check our website for more updates and information.

Sincerely,

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