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UF Health Orthopaedics Safety Precautions

- Temperature screening will occur upon entrance to building. No fever (>100), cough, or flu like symptoms will be permitted entry.
- Patients that should be under quarantine guidelines, including travel restrictions and/or exposure to know a COVID-19 positive person, will not be checked in.

We have taken many steps to safeguard the health of our patients, visitors and caregivers throughout our UF Health Physicians primary care and specialty practices in Gainesville.

For patients and visitors, the following precautions are in place:

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Cleaning
- Our physician practices are thoroughly cleaned every day before patients arrive.
- Tissues, alcohol-based hand sanitizer and trash cans are available upon entry and in all waiting rooms.
- Exam rooms and offices are thoroughly cleaned after patient visits, including all key surfaces.
- We have reduced the number of forms and other items with which patients come into contact.

Distancing
- Chairs are placed 6 feet apart, whenever possible, to facilitate physical distancing.
- Tape and signs are placed on the floor in waiting areas to help promote social distancing.
We are limiting the number of patient appointments in order to allow for appropriate physical distances in clinical spaces.

**Protection**

- Our health care providers wear masks in all clinical spaces.
- Frequent handwashing is required, including at the beginning and at the end of your visit.

**Additional safety measures being taken to help protect our patients and visitors include:**

- All patients and visitors are required to wear a mask or face covering in all areas.
- Requesting that patients do not arrive sooner than necessary before the start of their appointment. This will help us reduce
  - the number of people in waiting rooms and public areas.
- Asking patients to attend their appointment alone, whenever possible, or limiting to only one family member or other
  - accompanying person.
- Asking patients to notify their practice before an appointment if cough, fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, difficulty breathing,
  - sore throat, or muscle aches and chills are present.

For more information, please contact your health care provider prior to your appointment

*We understand how important it is to support friends and loved ones during their appointment/treatment. At the same time, COVID-19 requires us to temporarily adjust our visitor policy in order to keep our patients and visitors safe from infection.*

**UF Health Orthopaedics Temporary Visitor Policy**

As a means to help minimize the spread of COVID-19, we have temporarily changed our visitation policy at UF Health Orthopaedics. Limiting visitors helps us reduce the risk of infection. People who have signs and symptoms of illness, including fever, cough or shortness of breath, are asked not to visit/attend appointments with patients. We’re reminding everyone to practice excellent infection control by covering your mouth when you cough, washing your hands and using hand sanitizer frequently. The new temporary policy is effective immediately.

Our Guidelines at this time allow:

- Adults - patients only in the exam room, unless assistance is needed.
- Children - Recommended only 1 parent accompany their child's appointment to the exam room

Thank you for your understanding.

**For more information**

- [UF Health Covid-19 Updates](https://www.ortho.ufl.edu)
- [University of Florida Covid-19](https://www.ortho.ufl.edu)