

Information about Coronavirus (COVID-19) for Dialysis Patients

To help keep you safe, and provide you with best care during this COVID-19 pandemic, please follow these instructions:



General measures for prevention:



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based (>70% alcohol) hand sanitizer.



Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cough or sneeze into a tissue or a flexed elbow, then throw the tissue into a closed trash can.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Avoid touching surfaces in public places.



Use a hand towel or tissue when touching doorknobs, light switches, etc. in public places.



Consider taking your shoes off when you enter your house. Some people have outdoor shoes and indoor shoes or slippers.



Avoid greeting people with a handshake, hug or a kiss.



If you have traveled to any other another country or you were in contact with someone with suspected/confirmed COVID19, inform your doctor immediately.



Wear a facemask at all times if you need to be around other people or you need to visit a health facility.

If you are sick:

Stay home.

Contact your doctor to get medical care.

Avoid close contact with anyone else.

Wear a mask.

What to do before coming to dialysis:

1. Call the dialysis unit if you have any of these symptoms:



Fever



Cough (new or worsening)



Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath

2. If you have symptoms:



Dialysis nurse/doctor gives you directions



Different plan to access to the unit



Dialysis schedule might be changed

What to do when you get to the dialysis unit:

1. Always clean your hands before entering the unit: wash them with soap and water, or use the hand sanitizers available in the patient waiting area.

2. Put a facemask and leave it on at all times.

3. Allow your temperature to be checked in the waiting area before entering the unit.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 you will be:

Asked to put a mask

Directed to a specific area or room

Dialyzed in the isolation room

Assessed by a doctor

Important information about visitors:

1. Visitors/family members are NOT allowed to stay with patients during hemodialysis, unless medically necessary and requested by the physician.

2. Visitors/family members are NOT allowed to stay in the patient waiting area.

3. Drop off and pick up is only allowed from the patient waiting area.