

The health and well being of our patients at Georgia Dermatology Partners is always a priority. Under normal circumstances, our offices undergo rigorous cleaning throughout the day. Since learning of COVID-19, we are taking extra precautions to ensure the safety of our patients and staff.

Our staff members are:

- Sanitizing hands immediately before and after each patient.
- Wiping down door knobs, chairs, examination tables, and countertops with medical-grade disinfectant after every patient.
- Enhancing daily deep cleaning of each office.
- Allowing patients to wait in their vehicle until their appointment time (Snellville, Loganville locations).
- Spacing chairs to create “social distancing” in waiting areas (Brookhaven, Braselton locations).
- Removing magazines from patient waiting areas and examination rooms, and eliminating use of communal items (i.e. drink stations, ink pens, etc.).
- Mandating that employees who are ill stay home.
- Investigating opportunities for telemedicine visits.

Requests of patients to ensure safety:

- Sanitize hands immediately prior to and after visit.
- Call in advance to reschedule appointment if ill, or if recent travel to a high-risk area (including, but not limited to China, South Korea, Iran, Italy).
- Seniors and those with severe chronic conditions* advised to take special precautions.
- Limit number of medical concerns addressed such that visits are efficient.
- Only the scheduled patient allowed in the examination room. Exception: 1 minor and 1 parent OR patient and 1 caregiver.

***Special note:**

Given that COVID19 is a new virus, its impact on certain populations is not entirely known. If you are on a medication that affects your immune system, including biologics (i.e. Humira, Enbrel, Cimzia, Remicade, Stelara, Tremfya, Taltz, Cosentyx, Siliq, Skyrizi) or immunosuppressants (i.e. prednisone, methotrexate, cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil/Cellcept, azathioprine/Imuran, Xeljanz), we recommend that you take special precautions. While we are not certain that patients on these medications are at increased risk, and interestingly some of these therapies are being investigated as therapy options for COVID19, we advise that you adhere to strict hand washing and hygiene measures, and avoid all social gatherings. If you have a question regarding whether you should stay on your medication, please consult with your prescribing provider.

At Georgia Dermatology Partners, we are following the latest medical information regarding COVID19, and are here to help you navigate your skin-related care.