



Notice to Our Patients on the Coronavirus Outbreak

As your healthcare provider, we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of our patients, staff and visitors. From the beginning of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, we've been monitoring the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other agencies to stay up to date with the latest information.

If you have developed fever with cough, shortness of breath or gastrointestinal issues within the last 14 days, or if you have had contact with someone who is suspected to have COVID-19, please stay home, visit [piedmont.org/urgentcare](https://www.piedmont.org/urgentcare) to schedule a telehealth visit.

Here are some things you should know about COVID-19:

- COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person. This can happen between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.
- The virus spreads easily between people. Information from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic suggest that this virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza.
- The virus may be spread in other ways. It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. The CDC is continuing to learn more about the spread of the virus.

The best way to prevent illness from COVID-19 is to avoid being exposed to this virus. You can take the following steps to slow the spread.

- Maintain good social distance (about 6 feet). This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

If you are concerned that you may have been exposed to COVID-19 and would like to be screened, visit [piedmont.org/urgentcare](https://www.piedmont.org/urgentcare) to schedule a telehealth visit. In addition, if you are limiting your exposure to the public or would like to reschedule your appointment for any other

reason, we will be happy to do that and, if necessary, provide refills by request.

Please note: Patients who have recently had a COVID-19 test due to symptoms of COVID-19, will not be seen by a provider until a negative test result is received. If you have any other questions about your visit or scheduling/rescheduling a visit, contact us at (770) 972-4845.

For information on the steps we are taking to keep you, our staff and community safe click [here](#).

Thank you for choosing Georgia Dermatology Partners a Piedmont Health affiliate, as your healthcare provider. We are committed to taking every necessary step to ensure the safety of our patients, staff, and the communities we serve. The COVID-19 pandemic is changing on an ongoing basis; we will continue to update you as new and pertinent information is available.