



INFORMATION REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

We want to assure you that Davies Fertility is focused on the health and safety of all of our patients and visitors. We know you have questions and concerns about Covid-19, and we are closely monitoring the outbreak of this rapidly changing virus, to be able to provide you with the latest information.

As we know, Covid-19 is a respiratory illness, with symptoms ranging from mild to severe. Common symptoms include fever, cough and/or shortness of breath. There is currently no vaccine or treatment, and medical interventions are focused on controlling the symptoms. At times, complications such as pneumonia may occur. If you experience shortness of breath, it is suggested you seek immediate medical attention.

The virus is spread between people who are in close contact with one another, through respiratory droplets. Currently, it is recommended that you practice social distancing of approximately 6 feet, to help reduce possible transmission through coughing or sneezing. It is also possible that the virus can remain on surfaces or objects that have been touched. Therefore, it is also recommended that you do not touch your face, mouth, nose, or eyes. While it is found that people are most contagious when they are showing symptoms of the virus, it is possible to spread the virus before showing symptoms, so remaining at home as much as possible is recommended.

You can help reduce the risk of contracting Covid-19 and other respiratory viruses by avoiding travel, eliminating close contact with people who are sick, and as mentioned, avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth, covering your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing, staying home when feeling sick, frequently and thoroughly washing your hands, and disinfecting touched surfaces. If you develop a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, with cough and/or shortness of breath, you should seek medical attention and avoid contact with others.

As stated by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), currently, very little is known about the impact of COVID-19 on reproduction and pregnancy. Given the information we do have, while it would be wise for individuals with confirmed or presumed COVID-19 infection to avoid pregnancy, there appears to be no cause for alarm for those already pregnant. However, out of an abundance of caution, patients who have high likelihood of having COVID-19 (fever and/or cough, shortness of breath, and either exposure within 6 feet of a confirmed COVID-19 patient and within 14 days of onset of symptoms, or a positive COVID-19 test result), including those planning to use oocyte donors, sperm donors, or gestational carriers, should strive to avoid pregnancy. It is important to note that there have been no reported cases of transmission of COVID-19 via implantation procedures, or tissue-based products.

To help reduce the risk of transmission, we respectfully request that you do not come to the office if you feel sick, or have been in contact with any person who has been exposed to COVID-19. At this time, we also ask that you do not bring any additional people, such as family members or friends, to your appointment. If someone has driven you to your appointment, please have them remain in the vehicle while you are in our office.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have about COVID-19, and how it may affect your fertility treatment. During this time of uncertainty, we want you to know that we are here for you, and will help in any way possible to keep you informed of any additional actions that might need to be taken.

You may also access the most recent CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19 by visiting their website, via the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this challenging time. Please know that we are dedicated to helping you build your family in the most supportive and safest way possible!