

Dear Patients,

There has been a major increase in the number of Coronavirus cases in our local area. There are more sick patients, more trips to the ER by patients with flu like symptoms, more hospital admissions, more intensive care admissions and more use of respirators. You have all been very diligent and responsible by staying at home, self-distancing and wearing masks.

For this reason, we are temporarily suspending our in-person visits for well check-ups and new patient visits. If you are ill or uncomfortable, with a non-COVID-19 related issue, we will bring you in to be seen.

Routine checkups will be placed on hold until the numbers indicate that the infection rate locally is declining. I do not generate income or make money by not seeing patients for office visits. Everyone's health and safety are far more important now!

Many of you have expressed concern about not having your blood work done in a timely period. Feel free to contact me and we will review whether or not you can safely wait until a later time. If we need to draw the blood, we have several options. They are:

1. Speedy Mobile phlebotomy will come to your home for a \$100 fee and draw your blood and send it to Quest Labs.
2. Apex Laboratories will send a phlebotomist to your home and will draw the sample and run the tests. They do not charge extra for home blood drawing.
3. Quest Labs and LabCorp have drawing stations that you can visit by appointment. You will need a prescription from me for this.
4. Boca Raton Regional Hospital, West Boca Medical Center and Delray Medical Center will provide on location phlebotomy as long as you have a prescription from your physician.

I certainly apologize for the inconvenience but feel your safety and the safety of my staff take precedence. This is a mixed-use building which requires negotiating stairs or a ramp, using a common lobby and elevator and many of the tenants do not follow the social distancing and/or, face covering rules and regulations.

Stay home. Stay safe and wear face coverings in public when you will be in potential close contact with others.

Call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Steven E Reznick, M.D., FACP