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The office is a COVID-safe place!

We now have multiple HEPA filters in the office, and the ventilation system has been fitted with a virus- and bacteria-killing ion system.

We continue to ask patients to wait in their cars, and we escort patients directly to their exam rooms when their visits are due, preventing patient-to-patient spread of COVID-19. We continue to ask friends and family members to wait outside until visits are completed, minimizing the number of people who are in the office.

Staff temperatures are checked daily. All staff members have been immunized against COVID-19, with the first Moderna shot having been given on January 29. There is evidence that this will decrease vaccine recipients' ability to spread COVID-19 by approximately 50% or more, although the evidence is preliminary.

We have had no patients, to our knowledge, who have acquired COVID-19 due to an office visit over the last year. Now that staff are immunized and therefore far less likely to be vectors themselves, I believe that the office is a safe place for patients to enter and have medical visits. We will continue to require masks. During the patient visits, we will maintain physical distancing as best we can, with the exception of the contact for the physical examination part of the visit.

I feel safe inviting you to the office for your visits. Beginning on March 8, which is when my staff will be fully immunized and maximally immune, I will resume offering in-office visits to any patient who desires to see me in office.

For patients who still would prefer to have their visits via televisit, we will be able to continue that process when appropriate.

I am very positive about our long-term outlook. In the short term, please do not sacrifice your health by avoiding medical visits that would benefit you. We have created a very safe office in which you can obtain your medical care.

With love and affection,

Terry Copperman, M.D.

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