

SHERIDAN PEDIATRICS

There is a lot of concern and uncertainty regarding COVID-19, or coronavirus. The NYS Department of Health has put forth guidelines regarding screening for this virus. NYS Dept. of Health, CDC and Erie County Dept. of Health all have up-to-date information on their websites.

If you believe you have the symptoms or risk factors for COVID-19, please refrain from coming to our office. We will evaluate you or your child's symptoms over the phone and assist you in receiving evaluation and treatment at the appropriate facility, which should be notified prior to your arrival. Please make every attempt to notify the facility beforehand, so that they may have the necessary protective mechanisms in place upon your arrival, unless having significant respiratory distress and are unable to notify them first. If seriously ill, necessitating calling 911, please inform 911 of possible concerns of COVID-19 so that they may take the necessary precautions.

We are not doing COVID-19 testing in our office. This testing is prioritized for patients if they meet the criteria noted below. Coming to our office will put other patients and our staff at risk. We do not have the isolation capabilities to ensure the protection of other patients and staff.

New York State Guidelines:

If you meet these criteria, please call our office first for further directions.

-Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath AND have been in close contact with a person confirmed to have COVID-19.

-Fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath) AND have recently traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Italy or South Korea within 14 days of showing these signs or symptoms.

-Mandatory or voluntary quarantine AND has symptoms of COVID-19.

-Fever with severe lower respiratory illness AND no source of exposure has been identified and you haven't received an alternative diagnosis (e.g. influenza).

Please call our office with any questions.

Reliable websites:

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

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

<http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=coronavirus>