

## **Columbia Dermatology Center Pandemic Protocols**

We are putting these policies and procedures in place to ensure the safety of our patients and staff. We are striving for a “Contact-Free Visit”

1. We are offering convenient telemedicine visits that are covered by most health insurance. Same-day appointments are available!
2. Employees will be asked COVID screening questions daily and wear appropriate personal protective equipment according to CDC guidelines
3. Cloth mask required to enter office, patients will be asked screening questions
4. Reception area doors will be propped open
5. Tape markings on floor to maintain recommended distances between patients and staff
6. Sneeze-guard plexiglass screens at check-in and check-out windows
7. Only one caregiver/parent can accompany a patient into the office. Other companions should wait in car
8. Reception area will only have seating according to social distancing guidelines. If this limit is exceeded, patients will be asked to wait in the hall/lobby/car until examination room available.
9. Cleaning and disinfecting our practice after every patient contact, according to CDC guidelines.
10. The providers will wear PPE during your examination. Masks will stay on during the examination except for a few moments if it is necessary to examine your face. We request that you wear clothing that is easily removable.
11. We will ask for verbal consents prior to procedures
12. Hand sanitizer will be available in reception and examination rooms.
13. We may ask that your follow-up appointment be a telemedicine appointment.