

CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 CHECKLIST FOR ALL miniER PATIENTS

GUIDELINES DATED JANUARY 03, 2021

We are open 7 days a week and staff hours have not been cut in order to continue to serve the community as we have for the past 14 years. However, to give our staff a much-needed break, we will be **CLOSING FOR LUNCH EVERY WEEKDAY from 1 PM to 2 PM until further notice during the COVID Omicron Variant peak.**

Everyone must wear a facial mask when entering the facility, and leave it in place in all areas of the clinic. This is non-negotiable and you will need to be seen elsewhere if you decline/refuse to wear a mask. Please wear a facial mask of any type that covers both the nose and mouth when entering the facility and mind the chairs in the waiting room- they are set up to keep the 6-foot social distancing concept. If you are known to be COVID-19 positive and are accompanying a friend or family member who is to be seen by us, please wait in the car or outside the clinic for the well-being of our staff and other patients.

We are pleased to continue the capacity to do rapid COVID-19 testing on site utilizing NP (nasopharyngeal) swabs with results available in less than 15 minutes from the time the swab is complete. This is an immunofluorescent assay run on the Quidel Sofia 2 platform here on the premises, and we are testing patients 10 years old and up (based on swab size required for an adequate sample). Due to the unpredictable manufacturer supply of test kits because of overwhelming national demand, we may be using the CareStart or QuickVue antigen test kits which are lateral flow immunochromatographic assays intended for the qualitative detection of the nucleocapsid protein antigen from SARS-CoV-2.

We are adhering to a strict MAXIMUM of 25 rapid COVID tests per day, 7 days a week, and they are on a first come, first served basis with no exceptions after the daily allotment of tests is used. There will be days when we cannot perform any rapid testing due to test manufacturer-determined allocation of test kits for our particular clinic or geographic area. If you have any symptoms suggestive of COVID you will need to sign in for an office visit and see a provider **if you are asymptomatic and/or want travel/work/school clearance COVID screening, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TEST YOU AT THIS TIME** because of the severe shortage of test kits due to Omicron demand. We encourage all patients without symptoms to book test screening with another clinic or government-run testing site until such time that the miniER is guaranteed a steady supply of test kits. At that time, you will be able to book an appointment on our website through the SolvHealth app located upper right of our website home page under the "Book Online" button. The cash price for COVID screening for asymptomatic patients not seeing a provider is \$85, all others will be run through your insurance if we take your plan.

About our rapid COVID-19 antigen test: Antigen tests produce results faster than their molecular counterparts (the RT-PCR tests). They are made to quickly detect fragments of proteins found on/ within the virus by testing samples collected from nasal swabs. Molecular, or RT-PCR tests, were developed to detect nucleic acid (genetic material) from SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Those tests take longer, are slightly more accurate, but are more expensive and harder to obtain for the outpatient setting. Be aware that many travel authorities and destination countries require the RT-PCR test and may not accept the results of our antigen test- it is the responsibility of the traveler/patient to find out which test is accepted. As is required by law, we will be reporting all testing (either positive or negative results) to the Orange County Health Department and Florida Department of Health-which includes your name, contact information, race, and DOB. This reporting is mandatory, not voluntary per government regulations.