

We recognize that patients and their families may be fearful of seeking medical care at this time. For JRMC, safety comes first and is embedded in everything we do. With the safety of our patients and team members at the forefront, we are taking the appropriate precautions and using best practices to continue to ensure the highest quality care, protection, support and comfort for all of our patients.

Some of these measures include:

- Adherence to the guidance and established criteria of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Hospital Association, leading national associations of nurses, surgeons and anesthesiologists, and the New Jersey Department of Health
- Staff vigilance regarding the appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) with all patients, including COVID-19 positive and non-COVID patients
- Stringent cleaning and disinfection throughout our facilities and in all rooms, including equipment and surfaces, frequently and between patients
- Active screening of employees, patients and visitors upon entering our center, for temperature and symptoms
- Requiring everyone who enters our center to wear a mask or face covering, per CDC universal masking guidelines and our mask policy
- Continued restrictions of visitors
- Social and physical distancing measures for all people in our centers – in all employee and patient areas – such as minimizing time in waiting areas, spacing chairs at least 6 feet apart, marking floors with tape at proper intervals and maintaining low patient flow so as not to cause crowding
- Strict hand hygiene and availability of hand sanitizer in all employee and patient areas
- Continued preparation and readiness for potential future surges
- We continue to offer telemedicine for virtual visits

#### **Temperature and Symptom Screening**

All those entering our centers, including patients, visitors, vendors, staff and physicians, will have their temperature checked with an infrared thermometer upon arrival.

Individuals will also be asked screening questions about COVID-19 symptoms, per CDC guidelines.

#### **Symptoms, experienced in the last two weeks, for which we will screen include:**

- Felt feverish or had a fever
- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Chills

- Repeated shaking with chills
- Sore throat
- Muscle/body aches
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of sense of taste or smell

**Additional Steps:**

Those who have no fever or symptoms will be permitted entry to the facility and will be provided and required to:

- Wear a mask at all times
- Practice hand hygiene upon arrival
- Maintain 6-foot distance from others

Those who present with a fever over 100 degrees or who answer 'yes' to any symptoms will be directed to a specifically-designated area for counseling.

All patients who are COVID positive or presumptive positive will continue to be separated from the general population.