

## **CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19: ACCESSING KP IVF AND MALE INFERTILITY SERVICES**

The KP Centers for Reproductive Health are now open for IVF and Male Infertility services. Several changes have been made to maintain a safe environment for patients. These guidelines are continuously under review and will be updated as the COVID-19 situation is monitored. We recommend [contacting one of our Centers](#) for more information about the following.

### **HOW CAN I LEARN ABOUT THE POTENTIAL RISKS OF COVID-19 ON IVF AND PREGNANCY?**

Prior to starting any IVF treatment, all patients will have an opportunity to speak with an IVF physician about the potential risks of COVID-19 on IVF and pregnancy. If you consulted with your IVF physician prior to COVID-19, you will be scheduled for another 15-minute telephone or video consult with your physician to address any concerns you may have. If you are new to KP IVF, your IVF physician will discuss the potential implications of COVID-19 during your initial consult. Additionally, the clinical staff at the KP Centers for Reproductive Health are available to answer your questions.

### **ARE TELEPHONE/VIDEO (VIRTUAL) APPOINTMENTS AN OPTION?**

IVF, Male Infertility, and COVID-specific consults will be held via telephone or video appointment. Some aspects of care such as diagnostic testing, cycle monitoring (ultrasounds), and procedures will have to be in-person. Several protocols are in place to allow for social distancing and safe in-person interactions.

### **CAN I BRING SOMEONE WITH ME TO AN IN-PERSON APPOINTMENT OR PROCEDURE?**

Currently, we are implementing a no-guest policy for all in-person appointments including egg retrievals and embryo transfers. Partners, children and other guests will not be permitted in the clinics. This policy may change as our response to COVID-19 evolves.

### **WILL YOU REQUIRE COVID-19 TESTING?**

COVID-19 testing is required at different points in the IVF treatment cycle and for Male Infertility procedures. Your medical team will provide more information on testing and inform you of the testing requirements for you and possibly your partner.

### **WHAT OTHER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND SANITIZATION PROCEDURES ARE IN PLACE?**

Anyone who enters a clinic is required to complete the COVID-19 screening process, including screening questions, temperature check and hand sanitization. Masks are required to enter the facility; please do not wear gloves. All surfaces are being cleaned after each patient.

Your health and safety are always our top priority. These guidelines were developed to help protect you and your loved ones while giving access to our services. If you have any questions or concerns, please [contact one of our Centers](#) for more information.