

## Patient Guidelines on the Coronavirus

CFEI Masking Policy: Despite recent changes in the CDC guidelines for the public setting, those changes do not apply to the healthcare setting. Our mandatory masking policy remains unchanged. Due to an increased risk of exposure in healthcare facilities, and uncertainty regarding the COVID variants, we are keeping our policy the same to ensure the highest level of safety for our patients and staff. Masks must be worn correctly and for the entire duration of your time in our facility. Thank you for your cooperation.

We continue to take advanced precautions against COVID-19 to ensure the safety of our patients and staff. We are following the CDC guidelines, providing PPE for staff, and performing risk-based screening for patients at check-in, staff and physicians at the beginning of our day, limiting visitors and ensuring our waiting areas are set up to promote social distancing. As an added preventative measure, we are asking all patients coming in for appointments to wear a face covering. We began performing elective surgeries on May 8, if you had a surgery that was cancelled due to COVID-19 and have not been contacted for rescheduling, please contact our office for an appointment.

We kindly ask that patients please reschedule your appointment if you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms such as cough, fever, and shortness of breath, by calling 352-237-8400. Central Florida Eye Institute is following CDC guidelines in regards to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and is taking precautions to prevent its spread. Our goal remains, as always, to provide you the best possible treatment for your healthcare needs. However, the safety of our employees and patients is our utmost concern.

Here are some helpful tips to protect yourself and others:

- Face masks are recommended in all public and medical buildings.
- Avoid close contact, keep social gatherings to small groups & wear a mask. • Stay home if you're sick, except to get medical care.
  - Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wash hands frequently and for at least 20 seconds with warm soap & water. • Clean and disinfect often.

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