

Southwestern Pennsylvania Eye Center is working very hard with our physicians to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 and maintain the safety of our patients, staff, and doctors. We are closely following the latest guidelines from the CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Academy of Ophthalmology to maintain safe practices while still offering the highest quality of care

The following procedures are in place to meet the safe requirements for our patients.

- **Clinic Visits** – We are seeing clinic patients in our offices. Please call to schedule your upcoming visit.
- **Surgery** - We are performing all elective surgeries.
- **Screening** – All employees and doctors are screened with temperature readings before entry to our clinics. Every patient is asked a series of questions pertaining to COVID-19, and anyone with a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19, should reschedule their appointment.
- **Limiting Visitors** – Guests are restricted from accompanying patients inside the clinic to their appointment unless required for a legal (i.e. parent/guardian) or medical (i.e. mobility) reason. Guests are encouraged to wait in their vehicles.
- **Masking** – To keep our patients safe, all clinic/surgical staff are wearing surgical facemasks. To keep our staff safe, patients are required to wear facemasks in the clinic as well as in the surgery center for the entire duration of their appointment.

- **Social Distancing** – Our waiting rooms have been arranged to accommodate social distancing guidelines. We ask that patients and visitors follow social distancing recommendations, whenever possible, in our facilities.
- **Cleaning/Disinfecting** – Common areas are cleaned routinely, and patient care areas and equipment are disinfected between each patient.
- **Hand Hygiene** – All patients, visitors, and staff are encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, with particular attention before and after touching/adjusting a face mask or after touching any potentially contaminated surface.