



COVID-19 Update
Keeping Us All Safe!
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As the numbers of Georgians positive for COVID-19 continue to increase, it's important that we all do our part to help prevent the spread of the virus and keep people as safe as possible. We've all heard instructions on social distancing and limiting activities to help slow the infection rate and to flatten the curve so that we don't overwhelm our health care system.

In order to ensure our office is as safe as possible for our patients, nurses, doctors, and the rest of our staff we have instituted many changes including scheduling changes, cleaning regimens, and launch of our telemedicine program that were discussed in a previous update. Another vital weapon in our approach is pre-screening of all patients (and their household members) calling for appointments for a history of possible exposure to COVID-19, travel, fever, and cough. *It is imperative that our parents be open and honest when answering these pre-screening questions so that we can provide appropriate care for your child as well as protect the rest of our patients and our staff!*

The providers and staff at Cobb Pediatrics will be with you and your family through this crisis. Of course, we will not refuse to care for your child if you have had an exposure to the virus but we need all the relevant information in order to determine the best way to see your child. It may be an office visit or a telemedicine visit. We may need to refer you to the emergency department at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. We may even need to see your child in your car in order to avoid exposing any more staff than necessary. We have minimal personal protective equipment and are actively trying to source more masks, eye protection, and gowns. In order to provide care to the children in our community, we need to keep our staff healthy.

Thank you for trusting us with your children's healthcare. At the end of this trial, the hope is that we all look back on our own actions and are proud of how we stepped up and took care of our community.