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Dear Patient,

The safety of our patients, their families, and our team is the highest priority at our Practice. We are taking the unprecedented outbreak of COVID-19 very seriously. Based on the latest recommendations from the CDC, state and local health organizations as well as our national professional academy, the American Academy of Dermatology, we will remain open during normal business hours at this time but will operate with enhanced precautions detailed below.

At our Practice, we have always operated under the concept of using "universal precautions," which are based on sound science and clinical guidelines to prevent contracting and spreading any infectious disease (ie: HIV, influenza, and now COVID-19). You may or may not be aware, but since we have opened, we have always approached each patient under the pretense that he/she may have an infectious disease that could be contagious. We, therefore, have always had strict infection control procedures and the highest OSHA sterilization standards in place to prevent the spread of such diseases and keep our patients, their families and our team safe.

We have enhanced our established precautions by adding the following:

- Requiring proper hand hygiene guidelines when entering the office (hand washing with soap or hand sanitizing)
- Removing all magazines from our reception area and our exam rooms (encouraging use of our complementary wifi on your personal device for entertainment)
- Removing all coffee and snacks from our reception area
- Increasing the practice of disinfecting all hard surfaces and high-volume points of contacts multiple times each day

We kindly ask that you:

- Please wear a mask
- Bring only those with an appointment to visit the office out of respect for social distancing unless assistance is needed
- Reschedule your appointment in advance if you, or anyone in your immediate family, has a fever, respiratory condition or flulike symptoms.

If you have any questions please call at 941-927-5178 or email your request to: info@dermsarasota.com

We will continue to make the safety for our patients, families and team members the highest priority and closely monitor the recommendations of national, state, and local health organizations. We are committed to keeping you informed about our Practice and appreciate your flexibility and understanding during this unforeseen time.

Respectfully,

Dr. Bedi and the entire staff at Dermatology Associates

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