

COVID-19 and Northwest Kidney Centers patients

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Here is an update on how Northwest Kidney Centers is working to keep you free of infections and help you dialyze in comfort, guided by a team from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We all need to protect ourselves and each other while COVID-19 is here.

What Northwest Kidney Centers is doing

- We screen all patients and visitors as they arrive for any new signs of fever, cough, sore throat or trouble breathing.
- If someone has symptoms, they wear a mask for dialysis. Their care team wears a mask and a face shield with coat and gloves, and in certain circumstances, a gown.
- We are cleaning often, using products that kill the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.
- We are working actively with Public Health – Seattle & King County and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

What you should do

- Keep up excellent hand hygiene. Cover coughs and sneezes. Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect things you touch frequently. Regular household cleaning spray or a wipe works fine.
- Come to dialysis!
- *If you are sick, call your center before you come to dialysis.* That will let us prepare ahead of time to dialyze you safely.
- If you're sick and have been exposed to anyone with a connection to COVID-19, it's especially important that we talk.

Where to find reliable information

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [Public Health – Seattle-King County](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- Your care team at Northwest Kidney Centers

Keeping you safe, healthy and comfortable is our highest priority.