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To Our Valued Patients and Families:

Northwest Kidney Centers is continuing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the current surge in cases related to the Omicron variant. We are still learning about this variant, but we do know that it appears to be much more easily transmissible. The BEST protection is vaccination plus a booster dose. In addition to NKC staff continuing to mask we are providing you with the following:

- NKC will provide a higher-level mask to you once per week.
- You are allowed to wear your own N95, KN95 or KF94 mask.
- If you wear a medical grade mask, we suggest you wear two medical grade masks or a cloth mask over one medical grade mask.
- You will see your care givers wear additional PPE when caring for you to be sure to minimize any risk.
- You will continue to be screened for any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or exposure. If you screen positive, we will dialyze you in a safe location in the clinic.
- We strongly encourage you to avoid large crowds, wear the higher level protection of mask when out.
- We are continuing to limit visitors. We believe this policy is necessary to protect our patients and staff.

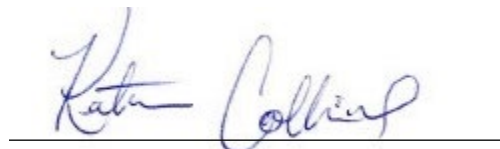
It is our priority to be able to dialyze you and other patients at NKC. Since the start of the pandemic, all the measures we have put in place has allowed us to care for you safely and help you avoid being in the hospital, even if you are diagnosed with COVID.

If you are not yet vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Many healthcare systems have walk in appointments. Please let your care team know if you need assistance in accessing the vaccine.

Thank you for all you are doing to help us keep each other safe. And thank you so much for letting Northwest Kidney Centers take care of you and your loved ones.



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