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## **COVID-19 Signs and symptoms reporting:**

We are including this item in our standard postoperative instructions and ask that you comply with all standard postoperative instructions as well as specific attention to this matter.

You have undergone a surgical procedure during the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time of this writing there have been over 104 million confirmed cases in the US, and over 1.1 million associated deaths.

Fortunately, in New York State, over 85% of persons over the age of 18 have received the initial primary series of two doses of vaccine. Just over 75% of all people eligible for vaccination have received the initial primary series. However, only 15% of all residents have are considered "up to date" with the vaccination series including boosters. Unfortunately, variant cases (Omicron now primarily and subvariants of Omicron) are on the rise and are known be caused by viral mutations that are more contagious. We also know that vaccinated patients can still become infected and transmit the virus. It is also clear that the vaccination data represents a much greater rate in the 65+ age group and much smaller rates in young patients and in patients of lower socioeconomic status.

We take this matter very seriously, and have taken all known necessary precautions to protect you and our staff prior to your arrival, at the time of your arrival, and during the course of your time in our office. However, with the understanding there are a high percentage of mild or even asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infections out there, we ask that you remain vigilant in monitoring your personal health status and report back to us if you develop any of the following signs or symptoms within 2 weeks of your visit here:

- A. Fever/chills
- B. Congestion/runny nose
- C. Cough
- D. Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- E. Sore throat
- F. New onset of loss of taste or smell
- G. Unusual Fatigue
- H. Generalized muscle pain
- I. Unusual/unexplainable headache
- J. Unusual/unexplainable diarrhea
- K. Unexplainable nausea or vomiting.

We can be reached at the office phone number listed above if you need to report having any of the signs or symptoms of COVID-19 infection following a visit to our office within the 14 days time period mentioned. You will be encouraged to undergo a COVID test and report findings back to us so that we can take measures on our end to trace possible contacts to protect the health of our patients and staff members.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we hope your recovery from surgery goes smoothly. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.