**Moody Health Center (MHC) Facility COVID-19 Protocols**

In response to Governor Greg Abbott’s announcement of [phase one to open Texas](https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-announces-phase-one-to-open-texas-establishes-statewide-minimum-standard-health-protocols) establishing minimum standard health protocols, based on guidance from the CDC for [source control for everyone entering a healthcare facility](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html), and under the direction of TCC administration, MHC will be implementing responsible procedures as we and patients present to MHC.

* In order to control access to the facility, entry will be restricted to the front door(s) and further directed through the north door in the reception room to the right of the front desk.
* There will be screening and sanitation requirements for all faculty, staff, interns as well as patients upon entry to MHC with an understanding and obligation that if you are sick with potential (COVID-19) symptoms that you will stay at home. There is specific guidance and direction from the CDC regarding [what to do if you are sick](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html). All attending, interns and patients are screened for symptoms of, or exposure to COVID-19 as well as a temperature check.
* Based on CDC recommendations for [hand hygiene](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/hand-hygiene.html) faculty, staff and interns will be expected to wash their hands before proceeding into the facility. Patients will be asked and expected to do the same.
* Attendings/interns are expected to maintain 6 ft. social distancing while in MHC limiting any gatherings as well as practice appropriate cough/sneeze etiquette. In order to maintain social distancing, there will be a limit of (1) attending and (2) interns in the treatment room with the patient.
* The 6 ft. social distancing should be maintained during the patient encounter when possible e.g. during the consultation and history. However, since a 6 ft. distance is not possible during manual treatments, additional measures including face masks/coverings to be utilized.
* Attendings/interns are required to wear masks during each patient encounter. A personal, cloth mask is allowed. Patients will also be required to wear masks with disposable masks to be made available. Based on Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo’s [order regarding face coverings](https://www.readyharris.org/Portals/60/documents/06-19-20_Health_and_Safety_Policy_and_Mask_signed_order.pdf). Face coverings do no need to be worn when doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk.
* Attendings/interns will be required to wash hands with soap/water before and after each patient encounter in order to [protect ourselves and our patients](https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/providers/index.html).
* Treatment tables to be sanitized between every visit with Clorox Healthcare Bleach Germicidal wipes, Caviwipes or CaviCide spray on a paper towel while wearing gloves. There will be a temporary modification of the use of treatment room flags with all (4) flags extending indicating the room has been cleaned and is ready for use.
* Any additional surfaces contacted by the attending, intern or patient including counter tops and doorknobs are to be sanitized between every visit with Clorox Healthcare Bleach Germicidal wipes, Caviwipes or CaviCide spray on a paper towel while wearing gloves.
* Laptops and pod computers used for documentation will be sanitized between every visit with Clorox Healthcare Bleach Germicidal wipes, Caviwipes or CaviCide spray on a paper towel while wearing gloves.
* Front desk counters, credit card terminals, pens, and clipboards will be sanitized between every use with Clorox Healthcare Bleach Germicidal wipes, Caviwipes or CaviCide spray on a paper towel while wearing gloves.
* If faculty, staff, or a patient becomes sick at MHC, arrangements will be made for them to leave with restricted contact/exposure. If the individual requires assistance to leave, they will be isolated until transportation can be arranged.
* TCC on-site janitorial services will assist in cleaning all hard surfaces including front door handles, counter tops, reception chairs, and bathroom(s) repeatedly through the course of the day.
* DTK Facility Services, contracted janitorial services for Texas Chiropractic College Campus and Moody Health Center has reviewed cleaning specifications as well as CDC recommendations and will be using EPA registered disinfectants with emphasis on common high touch surfaces like doorknobs, light switches.

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