

## Women's Healthcare Associates Newsletter 3/19/2020

Dear Valued Patients-

Please know that we are here for you and your family during these uncertain times. We will be doing our best to stay in communication with you via our website, email and phone calls. Please bear with us as we try to adapt our policies and work flow to try to keep all of our patients and staff as healthy as possible. As always, know that one of us is always available, 24/7 via our paging service. Please just call the office number- 310-453-6767, and we will return your call at our earliest convenience.

### A few updates about COVID 19:

- Sadly, COVID-19 (also referred to as the Coronavirus) is being transmitted throughout our community. As of March 19<sup>th</sup>, the LA County Department of Health notes 190 confirmed cases and 1 death. Updates can be found at the following website: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- Both UCLA-Santa Monica and Providence St John's are equipped to take care of patients with COVID-19 and those without the disease!
- The hospital is still a safe place to come and deliver your baby. Each hospital has rooms separated for any patients that potentially have been infected, and are not using those rooms for other patients. As of today, neither hospital has any confirmed pregnant patients with the disease.
- Social Distancing works to help slow the speed of disease spread. Please continue to wash your hands and surfaces well, and know that we are doing our part in the office as well.
- If you are feeling ill, please CALL prior to coming in to the office.

### A few updates about the office:

- We are currently limiting patient visits to reduce the number of people in the waiting room
- For the time being, we are not allowing visitors in for patient visits- this includes partners and children. We are more than happy to Facetime them for the visit or have them participate by phone call!
- We are taking extra care to wash down equipment and the exam rooms
- We are in the process of setting up telemedicine options—please stay tuned!

Again, thank you for your trust and loyalty.

In health,

Dr Doron Blumenfeld, Dr Paula Shulman and Dr Phabillia Afflack