

**COVID-19 INFECTION CONTROL AND PREVENTION IN OPHTHALMOLOGY OFFICES PRE-APPROVED TEMPLATE**

**Title:** COVID19 Prevention in Ophthalmology Office

<b>Project Description</b>	Design and implement measures to reduce office staff and patients to COVID in the office setting.
<b>Background Information</b>	COVID19 is rapidly expanding and is already prevalent in Northern NJ. Measures are outlined to reduce patient and office staff exposure.
<b>Project Setting</b>	Group Practice
<b>Study Population</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Patients instructed to call the office or PCP if they are experiencing fever or cough prior to their appointment on their reminder phone call 24-48 hours before the appointment.</li> <li>2) Notice on entry Door: "Do not enter if you have symptoms of cough or fever. Call office or PCP."</li> <li>3) Limit waiting room seating.</li> <li>4) Eliminate sign in sheet and pens at front desk.</li> <li>5) Immediately escort patient into exam room where they stay until discharged from the office.</li> <li>6) Checkout patient while they are still in the exam room.</li> <li>7) Leave entry door and patient exam room doors open so they do not need to touch the doorknob.</li> <li>8) Mask for doctor and patient.</li> <li>9) Exam room and all instruments and surfaces disinfected with Sani-Cloth after patient leaves.</li> <li>10) Disinfect tonometer tip with 60% alcohol.</li> <li>11) Urgent care visits only.</li> <li>12) Clean waiting room chair and check-in/out counter (if used) after patient leaves.</li> <li>13) Staff instructed to identify patients who may be candidates for telemedicine when they call for appointment.</li> <li>14) Doctor to consult by telemedicine when appropriate.</li> </ol>
<b>Quality Measures</b>	All measures above are new for the practice, except 9 and 10. These measures began on March 16, 2020. Telemedicine not performed prior to start of study. Measure number of telemedicine visits during 30-day period.
<b>Project Interventions and Improvement Period</b>	<p>As above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying at risk patients prior to appointment.</li> <li>• Identifying and scheduling virtual visits as appropriate.</li> <li>• Social distancing.</li> <li>• Increased disinfection.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Team:</b>	As practice owner and medical director, I will supervise the project. Our doctors and employees will follow the new protocols.

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**Section 2. Project Evaluation**

You will complete section 2 via your MOC Status page after you have implemented the project. The information necessary to complete section 2 is provided below.

**PROJECT SUMMARY:**

Review the effect and adjustment of implementing the policy changes after a minimum of 30 days and in the following sections, please prepare a brief summary of the project highlighting the data collected, effectiveness of the measurement approach, interventions and the overall impact of the project.

**BASELINE DATA:**

Quantify each of the quality indicators / performance measures described above for the baseline period (before interventions for improvement were introduced).

**FOLLOW-UP DATA:**

Quantify each of the quality indicators / performance measures described above for the re-measurement period (the period following implementation of the interventions for improvement).

**PROJECT IMPACT:**

Compare the baseline data to the re-measurement / follow-up data and quantify the impact of the process of care changes (your project interventions). The project hopefully resulted in improvement; however, some projects may result in a diminution in quality. If a lack of improvement or reduction in quality occurred, suggest other strategies that might be more effective.

**PROJECT REFLECTION:**

Do you feel that the project was worthwhile, effective?  Yes /  No

How might have you performed the project differently?

Please offer suggestions for other ophthalmologists undertaking a similar project: