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Dear Patient:

Pittsburgh Gastroenterology Associates and South Hills Endoscopy Center are closely monitoring updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) along with guidance from local and US government health agencies regarding the COVID-19 virus. Our goal is to keep all staff and patients from contracting the Coronavirus.

Pittsburgh Gastroenterology Associates and South Hills Endoscopy Center has implemented a Preparedness Plan to keep our staff and patients safe.

As part of our plan, we want you to know that we:

- Are performing daily and ongoing sanitation of our lobby, exam rooms and other common areas
- We have available hand sanitizer and masks for patients and employees
- Our employees are following best practices of infection prevention methods such as hand washing for 20 seconds and the use of sanitizing products

For our plan to be successful, we respectfully ask that you call our office to reschedule your appointment if you have:

- Fever, cough, or shortness of breath
- Recently traveled to a high-risk country such as China, Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea
- Exposure to someone diagnosed with Coronavirus

Your procedure will be cancelled if you arrive at the center with a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or if you have had recent travel to any high risk country within the past 2 weeks.

We want to stay healthy and avoid the opportunity to contract the virus. The CDC recommends:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough and wash hands afterward
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a household cleaning product or wipe

For more information on the Coronavirus, visit the CDC at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Respectfully,

Pittsburgh Gastroenterology Associates and South Hills Endoscopy Center