Keeping Everyone Safe
Stopping the Spread of COVID-19

Since the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization began giving advice on how to deal with Coronovirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), dialysis clinics, like all health care providers, have put into place many new processes to prevent and stop the spread of COVID-19. Dialysis clinics are taking these steps to make sure that they can give safe dialysis care to all patients. The CDC has shared concerns that "people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis" might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.[1]

Risks for People with ESRD

4.5x more likely to get COVID-19

8x more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19
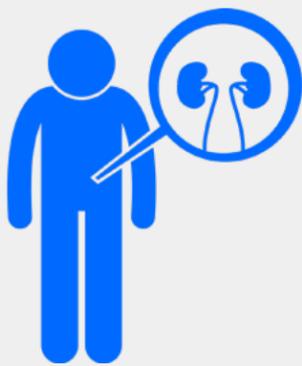
Compared to people on Medicare due to age, a person with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) is 4.5 times more likely to get COVID-19, and 8 times more likely to be hospitalized due to COVID-19.[2]

Why Wear a Face Covering?

You can become infected by coming into close contact (6 feet or less) with a person who has COVID-19.

You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.

People who have the virus, but do not have symptoms are known as asymptomatic and can spread the virus to others.

We Are In This Together

Protect yourself by protecting your neighbor. Wear a face covering correctly:
- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering.
- Wear your face covering over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Fit it snugly against the sides of your face.
- Keep your covering on your face the entire time you are in the dialysis clinic and in public.
- Don't put the covering around your neck or up on your forehead.
- Don't touch the face covering, and if you do, clean your hands.

[1] https://www.cms.gov/blog/medicare- covid-19-data-release-blog#_ftn1 People Who Are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html (accessed: 06/18/2020)
[2] https://www.cms.gov/research-statistics-data-systems/preliminary-medicare-covid-19-data-snapshot. Preliminary Medicare COVID-19 Data Snapshot for January 1 to June 20, 2020 (7/17/2020).

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