

Dear Cherry Creek Pediatrics Family,

To help protect our employees and patients, effective May 4, 2020, all parents and patients must wear a face covering that covers the mouth and nose, at all times while at Cherry Creek Pediatrics. This requirement does not apply to children under the age of 3 or to individuals who are unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition.

Our employees are *required* to wear face coverings, and now we are requiring that parents and patients do so too. We know some family members may find this inconvenient or objectionable, but under the circumstances we believe the added safety is worth any inconvenience. *This is not simply a matter of personal choice; a face covering protects not just the wearer, but others too.* 

In short, we believe this is the right thing to do. Although some may disagree with this policy or question its effectiveness, we are choosing to err on the side of safety in our office environment. Cherry Creek Pediatrics has continued to operate during this crisis as an essential business, and our employees are on the front lines. As part of a community, we believe this simple act of safety and courtesy is one that Cherry Creek Pediatrics and our families can undertake together.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control recommends the use of face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. The CDC advises that face coverings can help slow the spread of the virus, including among those who are not aware they carry it. However, the use of a face covering should not be seen as a substitute for social distancing. Please continue to observe rules regarding appropriate distancing while at our office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Wishing you and your families continued good health and safety during this time.

From all of us at Cherry Creek Pediatrics