Guidelines for Kentucky Healthcare Reopening

Beginning April 27, 2020 - Non-emergent/non-urgent outpatient health care services, including diagnostic radiology and laboratory services resumed in Kentucky. The following guidelines are compiled from Kentucky's “Healthy at Work” initiative by KANPNM.

Here is what you need to know to begin seeing patients in your clinic.

Continue to use Telehealth instead of in-person visits when possible.

Fever and COVID screening must be done for all prior to entry to the clinic.

- Patients should have their temperature taken, asked if they are ill, or if they have been exposed to COVID 19.
- All staff should have their temperature taken prior to starting work.
- Staff should stay home if they feel ill.

Discontinue use of traditional waiting rooms/common areas.

- Use non-traditional options such as waiting in the car and call ahead registration.
- Modify patient flow to ensure social distancing > 6 feet in the clinic.

Universal masking must be used for all direct person-to-person contact.

- Providers must procure PPE for their clinics (masks, gloves, gowns, face shields etc.)
- If a patient does not have a mask, a cloth or surgical mask must be provided for the patient prior to their entry into the clinic.

Enhanced sanitizing and disinfecting measures should be undertaken.

- Hand sanitizer should be readily available at convenient locations
- Staff should wash their hands frequently with soap and water.
- Surfaces, door knobs, light switches, etc. should be frequently cleaned

Only the patient being seen should come for the appointment.

- Unless the patient is a child accompanied by a parent or a patient who requires assistance, only the person being seen should enter the clinic.

Suggested PPE and Hand Sanitizer Suppliers in Kentucky

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and Kentucky Distillers Association in cooperation with TEAM KENTUCKY’s COVID-19 response efforts have made masks and sanitizer available for online purchase.

**TO PURCHASE MASKS:**
KyChamber.com/MaskOrderForm

**TO PURCHASE HAND SANITIZER**
KyHandSanitizer.com

**TO PURCHASE ISOLATION GOWNS:**
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