

UCLA Fertility and Reproductive Health Center: COVID19 Patient Information

As we re-initiate fertility treatments during the COVID19 pandemic, we feel it is important to let you know

- What we are doing to keep you safe during your treatment
- Potential risks associated with proceeding with treatment
- You have the option to delay treatment

How we are keeping you safe:

- Screening of all staff and patients coming into the building
 - Temperature
 - Verbal questions regarding symptoms and exposure
- Physical distancing within the facility and clinic
 - Appointments are spaced such that physical distancing can be practiced in the waiting room and clinic
 - Partners are discouraged from entering the exam room or consultation suite to maximize social distancing
- Universal masking policy
 - All healthcare workers and patients must wear a mask in the facility
- Specialized cleaning procedures within the clinic and exam rooms
- Hand hygiene

Potential risks associated with proceeding with treatment during the COVID19 pandemic:

- unknown impact of pregnancy on susceptibility to or severity of COVID19
- unknown impact of COVID19 on pregnancy including maternal and fetal risks
- general risk of febrile illness regardless of etiology in pregnancy
- unknown factors related to testing COVID19 testing
- potential treatment cancellation due to
 - exposure
 - infection
 - unavailability of PPE (personal protective equipment)
 - changes in regulations
- potential financial losses associated with such cancellations
- risk of exposure in the clinical setting during treatment

We want you to know that you have the option to delay treatment until you feel comfortable. We want to be clear that the COVID19 pandemic is ongoing and something that we will be dealing with for the foreseeable future. Therefore, we feel it is important to come up with strategies to safely take care of patients knowing that there is an ongoing risk due to the pandemic. Our willingness to re-initiate treatment should in no way be interpreted that the risk of treatment during the COVID19 pandemic is minimal.

Please call us or message us through [myUCLAhealth](#) if you have any questions.

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