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## What our patients should know about the Coronavirus

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Dear SBJI Patients,

The safety and well-being of our patients and community members is our highest priority. Southwest Bone and Joint Institute continues to actively monitor and prepare for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in our communities.

To align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, along with local departments of health recommendations, we ask that patients call SBJI before arriving if they meet both of the following:

1. Have symptoms including fever or upper respiratory infection symptoms (i.e. cough).  
AND
2. Have recently traveled outside the United States or have been in potential contact with a person known to have COVID-19.

If patients meet both of the above statements, please contact your primary care provider via telephone. They will determine if testing for COVID-19 is needed.

If you currently have a fever, or any upper respiratory infections symptoms, please contact our office **BEFORE** your visit, to determine if we need to reschedule your appointment.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit CDC website, [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

Or the New Mexico Department of Health website, <https://nmhealth.org/>

Thank you for choosing SBJI for your orthopedic care.