

## Valley Vision Clinic Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Policy

At Valley Vision Clinic, our doctors and staff care deeply about our patients' health and well being. This is especially true during this current global pandemic. On monitoring the information released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the North Dakota/Minnesota Departments of Health regarding COVID-19, we are taking extra precautions to maintain a clean and safe environment for our patients. We have used these guidelines to institute changes to our already high standards of sanitation, facility cleaning and personal hygiene in order to reduce risk of spreading pathogens of any kind.

**On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, following CDC guidelines, we will begin seeing all our usual routine, glasses, contact lens patients as well as our patients with age related eye disease.** In order to keep your fellow patients and our clinical staff safe, we ask that you follow these same CDC guidelines regarding illness and care. **Please call our office to reschedule your appointment if you have any of these symptoms (or have been in contact with someone who has):**

- Fever greater than 100 degrees
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Cold or flu symptoms
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting

To comply with social distancing, patients should bring no more than one other person to the clinic with them. Patients need to be wearing masks when they enter the clinic. Those with any of the previously described symptoms who enter the clinic will be instructed to leave and call their primary care provider's office. All surfaces in the clinic are disinfected regularly. All visits are by appointment only with a limited number of people allowed in the clinic at one time. Patients wishing to pick up their new glasses will need to call and schedule an appointment for that service.

Maintaining your good health is our top priority. We remain committed to being proactive in our approach to monitor the ever-changing situation with COVID-19. We sincerely appreciate your support and participation as we work together to provide needed services to our patients and fight the spread of the coronavirus.