



Dear Patient,

We welcome the announcement by Governor Kim Reynolds which allowed elective procedures to start April 27, 2020. We believe it is of vital importance to balance your gastrointestinal health needs with the risks of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

Our practice will now begin to schedule non-emergent endoscopic procedures starting on May 11, 2020 that have been postponed due the pandemic.

For the safety of you, your families and our employees, the Iowa Digestive Disease Center will be following the guidelines set forth by the CDC, Iowa Department of Public Health and our gastrointestinal endoscopy societies. **This will include COVID-19 testing for all patients 72 hours prior to your endoscopic procedure. Our office will be in contact with you for scheduling appointments, procedures, and required testing instructions.**

All patients will need to continue to complete the required COVID-19 symptom questionnaire on-line prior to your scheduled appointment, and will be asked to confirm symptoms and get your temperature taken at the time of your appointment. All patients will need to wear a face mask. We will continue to restrict access to visitors and additional family members.

All IDDC employees including physicians will be using the appropriate patient protective equipment and be following the recommended guidelines to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for trusting us with your care!