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COVID- 19 /Coronavirus

Important update for our patients and visitors

As we monitor global developments related to the coronavirus (COVID-19), our priority at Anova remains the health and safety of our patients and staff. Our clinic and staff are already meeting the highest infection control standards, and our state of the art lab is equipped with a medical-grade level HVAC system to ensure the most pristine air quality.

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However, to comply with guidance from Health Canada, WHO, and local public health authorities, we have enhanced our screening policies and implemented safety precautions that will be reviewed by our medical advisory board daily.

Anova has decided to implement the following steps as extra precautions:

1. Anova remains open for business. All physician consults and patients support groups are converted to online video conferences (OTN).
2. Working from home is encouraged at this time to non-frontline staff.
3. All frontline staff and patients should practice social distancing and keep a safe distance of 2 metres from each other.
4. Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette are critical measures we can take in combating the spread.
5. Health screening is in effect: all patients and staff who are experiencing the COVID-19 symptoms or have traveled outside of Canada in the past 14 should remain in self-isolation and **will not be permitted in the clinic**.
6. Diagnostic cycles are continuing as planned.
7. Current ovulation induction cycles where patients are presently taking stimulation medications are continuing as planned.
8. Emergency egg cryopreservation will continue.
9. All other procedures will be postponed or cancelled please [contact our clinic](#) to verify the status of your treatment.

General COVID-19 information

Coronaviruses make up a large family of viruses that circulate in both humans and other animals. Human coronaviruses are common and are usually associated with mild illness, similar to the common cold, and can spread easily between people.



While some forms of the COVID are associated with increased adverse outcomes in pregnancy, there is currently no reported case of increased maternal complications due to COVID-19 in pregnant patients, nor is there any reported pregnancy complications. However, COVID-19 is a new virus, and very little is known about its potential impact on reproduction and pregnancy.

Globally, the COVID-19 outbreak is evolving quickly, and we keep monitoring the situation. We will keep you apprised if new developments as they become available.

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If you have any questions, please free to [contact us](#).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this unusual time.

Anova Fertility Team

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[Toronto Pubic health](#)

[Ontario ministry of health](#)

[Travel Health Notices](#)