



# SICK VISIT POLICY – EFFECTIVE 3/4/20

- 1) ALL SICK VISIT REQUESTS WILL BE SCREENED FOR RECENT TRAVEL AND SYMPTOMS BY THE FRONT STAFF
- 2) ALL SICK VISIT REQUESTS MUST BE EVALUATED WITH A PHONE CALL SCREEN BY A PHYSICIAN PRIOR TO BEING PLACED INTO THE OFFICE SCHEDULE
- 3) PHYSICIANS WILL LIMIT OFFICE SICK VISITS TO THOSE PATIENTS THAT HAVE A LOW RISK FOR CORONAVIRUS AND REQUIRE A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR FURTHER TESTING TO INITIATE PROPER TREATMENT. CALLING IN MEDICATIONS WILL BE ENCOURAGED.
- 4) PATIENTS WHO MEET SURVEILLANCE CRITERIA MUST BE REFERRED TO THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT. IF THEY APPEAR TO NEED HOSPITALIZATION, THE RWJ ER MUST BE CONTACTED ABOUT THEIR VISIT TO THE HOSPITAL PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL
- 5) ALL SICK VISITS WILL BE PLACED IN ROOM 1. THE PATIENT, THE MEDICAL ASSISTANT AND THE PHYSICIAN MUST WEAR A MASK. WEIGHTS WILL NOT BE TAKEN AND VITALS WILL BE ENTERED OUTSIDE OF THE ROOM TO LIMIT EXPOSURE.
- 6) CONFIRMATIONS FOR OFFICE VISITS MOVING FORWARD WILL INCLUDE A PHONE SCREEN FOR RECENT TRAVEL AND SYMPTOMS TO LIMIT INCIDENTAL EXPOSURES