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Dear UB Clinics patient,

We take this opportunity to share information with you about the recent Coronavirus Outbreak and the steps we are taking at UB Clinics to ensure the safety and well-being of our patients, staff and students.

Human coronaviruses are common throughout the world. The 2019 novel coronavirus is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person. This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China. This virus is associated with mild-to-severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and shortness of breath. At this time, the threat of contracting the virus in the United States and Connecticut is very low.

We are monitoring the progression of the virus to keep patients, staff and students safe. To date there are no confirmed cases of this coronavirus in Bridgeport or in Connecticut.

At UB Clinics we are using protective measures to protect all of us and we are asking our patients who may be ill with or who may have been exposed to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus about their travel. We are putting masks on those individuals who are experiencing respiratory infections or show fever or symptoms of a lower respiratory illness and placing them in a private room to ensure the safety or our patients, students and staff.

If you have any questions or wish to learn more about coronavirus, please visit the CDC and World Health Organization (WHO) websites.

## Doing Your Part:

- 1. Carefully wash your hands (or use hand sanitizer) frequently.
- 2. Cover your mouth if you need to cough, and your nose if you need to sneeze.
- 3. Do not touch your eyes, nose, mouth or ears when in public places.
- 4. Get plenty of sleep and eat well in order to maintain a strong immune system.

Thank you.

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