



Kennedy Krieger Institute

## **Appointment and Referral Update at Kennedy Krieger Institute**

**Dear referring healthcare partner,**

**Kennedy Krieger Institute's highest priority is keeping patients, students, staff members, faculty members, trainees, the public, and you and your colleagues safe. As your healthcare partner, we understand that during the COVID-19 outbreak, you and your patients/families may have concerns and questions about Kennedy Krieger appointments and referrals.**

**Kennedy Krieger is taking steps to protect its patients, students, employees and the community during the outbreak of COVID-19. The Institute has a dedicated Task Force of leaders, both clinical and nonclinical, working to ensure continuity of quality care and operations. At this time, our inpatient hospital remains open. Our outpatient clinics are maintaining appointments as scheduled, or via telemedicine.**

**If you have a patient with a scheduled appointment, please note that there will be required screening upon entry. No patients or visitors will be allowed to enter Institute buildings with symptoms of respiratory illness. And, we have implemented visitor restriction policies that patient families should read prior to their appointment. Visit our website at [KennedyKrieger.org](http://KennedyKrieger.org) for more information about current screening procedures and policies.**

**To respond to COVID-19, we are expanding our telemedicine capabilities to deliver innovative patient care. Patients and families will be contacted if their appointment is being offered via easy-to-access telemedicine. We continue to schedule new appointments, including new evaluations.**

**As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation. Kennedy Krieger health professionals and leaders, in close coordination with the CDC, Johns Hopkins, and state and local public health experts, are anticipating, monitoring and responding in**

such a way as to optimize patient access and care.

We remain your partner for specialized patient care. If you have any questions about our services, please reach out to Laurie Klingensmith, our physician liaison, via email at [Klingen@KennedyKrieger.org](mailto:Klingen@KennedyKrieger.org) or call her cell phone at 814-590-9604.

Thank you for your trust and support as we continue to keep our focus on the health and care of our mutual patients and families. Stay safe and be well.



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