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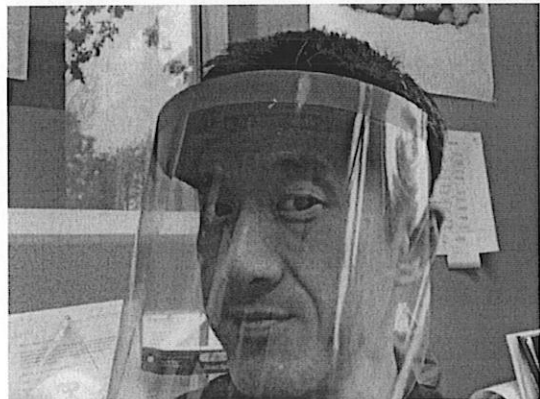
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In our continued efforts to maintain health services to our patients while minimizing their risk of exposure to COVID-19, we are pleased to announce the ability to conduct telemedicine visits! Please call the office to schedule a visit at your convenience. You will be emailed a link to either open on your smartphone or on your computer with any web browser other than Internet Explorer (Chrome, Firefox and Safari work fine). Please click on that link at the time of your appointment and you will be able to see and hear your provider who can then evaluate your needs.

We strongly encourage patients to protect themselves, their loved ones and others when they need to leave the house. We are currently offering washable, reusable cloth masks, hats with face shields, separate face shields and whole-body protective suits (comes with a mask, eyewear, gloves and booties) for sale in the office. We also carry masks and hats for children. Due to high demand, we are limiting masks to 5 per household.

There has been a recent announcement that the FDA cleared the use of in-office pin-prick serology testing. This is a huge breakthrough, as we hope to conduct mass screenings of people who have little to symptoms. It is widely thought that many have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus and already recovered. With this test, we will be able to determine who has developed antibodies to the virus, is immune to further infection, and cannot pass on the illness to others. If enough of the population has acquired antibodies and herd immunity has been reached, then it is likely that shelter at home requirements may finally be lifted.

Until then, stay smart, stay protected, and stay safe!

The staff at Natomas Family Practice

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