So much has changed in recent months. For us, this means a new landscape in how we deliver care, but with the same commitment to your health that we’ve always had. Learn about the steps we’re taking to protect your health and ours.

* **SCREENING.** We conduct routine coronavirus symptom screening on patients, visitors and employees.
* **MASKING.** Our facilities have adopted policies that align with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
* **DISTANCING.** We’re taking steps to ensure appropriate distance between you and other patients, visitors and staff.
* **SANITIZING.** Our staff are regularly cleaning waiting areas and exam rooms in between visits, and hand sanitizer stations are located throughout our facilities.
* **SEPARATING.** COVID-19 patients, as well as those caring for them, are safely isolated from the rest of the population.
* **VISITORS.** We are limiting people coming into our facilities to those deemed essential. This helps maintain appropriate physical distancing and reduces spread of germs.
* **VIRTUAL VISITS.** For on-demand and routine medical care, we offer virtual visits – a reliable way to see your provider from the comfort your own home.

We’ve always been a leader in safety. These are just some of the additional protocols we’ve put in place to help ensure your safety when you’re with us for care.

COVID‐19 can affect the upper respiratory tract (sinuses, nose, and throat) and the lower respiratory tract (windpipe and lungs).

The **COVID-19 pandemic in Bangladesh** is part of the [worldwide pandemic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic) of [coronavirus disease 2019](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coronavirus_disease_2019" \o "Coronavirus disease 2019) (COVID-19) caused by [severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Severe_acute_respiratory_syndrome_coronavirus_2) (SARS-CoV-2). The virus was confirmed to have spread to [Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh) in March 2020. The first three known cases were reported on 8 March 2020 by the country's epidemiology institute, [IEDCR](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Institute_of_Epidemiology,_Disease_Control_and_Research). Since then, the pandemic has spread day by day over the whole nation and the number of affected people has been increasing.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic_in_Bangladesh>

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