

Staying Safe While at Dialysis

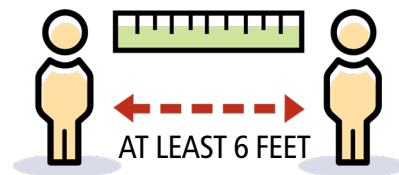


Here are some tips on how to adapt to changes both in and outside of the dialysis facility to help keep you and your fellow patients safe from COVID-19.



Mask Wearing: It is important to wear your mask (AT ALL TIMES) when in the facility to help keep others safe. "Protecting you, protecting me!" (Follow your state's masks mandates.)

Social Distancing: Patients are no longer allowed to congregate in common areas or stand within a short distance of each other. (COVID-19 is spread through droplets that stay in the air after an infected person speaks, coughs or sneezes.)



Handwashing: Wash your hands both before and after treatment. Try to maintain good hygiene practices with your vascular access points (fistula, graft and catheter).

Caregivers Restricted in Some Facilities: If you are usually accompanied by your caregiver, try using a social application on your mobile phone. Some examples are *What's App*, *Facetime*, *Google Meets*, and *Google Hangout*. This will allow you to have face-to-face interaction with your caregiver, so you can feel less alone during treatment.



Treatment Time Changes: Most facilities have created extra shifts for COVID-19-positive patients. Treatment times may be changed or shortened to help facilities make these adjustments.

If you have questions about your facility or to file a grievance, please contact your local ESRD Network:

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