What Dialysis Patients Should Know about COVID-19

People with kidney failure and other severe chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, obesity, and high blood pressure are at higher risk of contracting COVID-19.

Precautions people suffering from kidney failure and dialysis patients should take:

- Stay home as much as possible
- Reasonably stock up on supplies to limit exposure to crowds
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Practice social distancing – maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others
- Maintain good hygiene
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds
- Follow health care recommendations made by your doctor
- Keep away from others who are sick

Please remember that if you are on dialysis, you should continue to take any medicine prescribed by your physician and you should **NOT** miss your treatments.

It’s important that if you are feeling sick or have any questions or concerns, you contact your clinic immediately.

For more information on the impact of COVID-19, visit the [Center for Disease Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) and the [National Kidney Foundation](https://www.kidney.org).