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Dear Patient,

As you are well aware, the global corona virus outbreak has been declared a pandemic, and in coming weeks it threatens to overburden the US healthcare system as it has done in China and Italy. The US Surgeon General has advised all hospitals to reconsider performing elective Surgeries. Emergent and urgent surgery will continue. There are already reported Coronavirus cases in our local communities.

"Social distancing" is essential to minimize infection. In order to protect you and your families, Seguin Orthopedics will be implementing several changes, including:

- adjusting clinic hours based on need
- temporary closure of out-of-Seguin clinics
- patients are urged to postpone any appointments that are not emergent or urgent
- patients who are experiencing flu like symptoms will be rescheduled

Please call my main office to schedule or cancel an appointment. We will be restructuring our office to greatly reduce or eliminate time spent in the waiting room.

We will be adopting telehealth services using both audio and/or video teleconferencing to visit remotely without you having to travel to our office. Contact us to set up your appointment via electronic communication.

I ask that you take this situation very seriously, follow all CDC guidelines and advice, and be assured that I will continue to be available for emergency, urgent or telehealth orthopedic care.

Please cancel and reschedule any appointments if you or those you are in close contact with develop symptoms. We will continue to see patients in the office as needed for more direct care.

Sincerely,

G. Steven White, MD