

Keeping Cancer Care Safe at the SKCC During COVID

The NCI-designated Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center - Jefferson Health is ensuring the health and safety of our patients, their families, and our staff while continuing to provide comprehensive cancer care as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve. We have made adjustments to how we deliver cancer care at all of our sites in Pennsylvania and New Jersey to enable us to safely continue your cancer treatment and reduce the risk of transmission.

However, cancer care and treatment for our patients never stopped, along with clinical trials. We continue to provide cancer care and are available for consultations and can work with you to triage your patients who need immediate care.

Our team has taken number of extra steps to keep all our patients safe.

- Infusion and radiation oncology sites are open and treating patients, and we have added early morning and evening appointments to ensure social distancing
- Surgical procedures are reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine appropriate timing to maximize patient safety
- Imaging and testing are open for our cancer patients as part of their treatment.
- Expanded telehealth visits are available. We have transitioned many scheduled appointments to video visits and are seeing a significant number of our patients choosing this option. We launched our JeffConnect service five years ago, and remain a leader in telemedicine.
- Extended appointment times are available in the early morning and evenings for those with medical conditions who are more susceptible to illness.
- Social distancing is maintained by reconfiguring our waiting rooms to add additional space between chairs, and scheduled cleanings of all care areas occur several times daily.
- Reduced contact by instituting a “no-touch” registration option via mobile phone and creating patient exam rooms that reduce unnecessary contact with in-room surfaces.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! If you are in need of assistance or would like to participate in one of our several cancer focused wellness and support programs we can be reached at CancerSupportCenter@jefferson.edu or by 215-955-1800.