CHECKLIST: COVID-19 SAFETY AT THE DOCTOR’S OFFICE

STEPS FOR PATIENTS:
- Call to confirm requirements for face coverings.
- Verify the building’s entry policy.
- Complete intake forms prior to your visit.
- Ask family members to stay home unless needed.
- Practice safe social distancing.
- Consider telemedicine services.
- If you think you may have a medical emergency, call 911 immediately.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
- A face covering may be required based on the Texas Medical Board’s emergency rule (22 T.A.C. § 190.8(2)(U)), which mandates the minimum standards of safe practice for COVID-19.
- Temperature checks may be conducted at patient vehicles before office entry.
- Social distancing may be mandatory in the waiting room.
- “Well” and “sick” patients may be separated, including:
  - Scheduled “well” visits in the morning, “sick” visits in the afternoon.
  - Designated “well” and “sick” exam rooms, waiting rooms, and/or entrances.
  - Patients might be asked to wait in their vehicle until contacted for exam room entry.
- Telemedicine services may be offered, when appropriate.

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