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FAX TO: Olivia Kaponu - (808) 934-7496 (Fax)
FROM: Crystal Pesanka
SUBJECT: COVID Letter
MESSAGE: Healthcare Providers, We are changing our office procedures due to COVID-19.
Please see attached letter. Thank you!

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The Endoscopy Center

March 18, 2020

Aloha,

As a colleague in our medical community, we understand that you are also changing your office protocols due to COVID-19. As this pandemic evolves, we are closely monitoring events in our local community and continuously updating our policies and protocols as a result of new information.

On March 14, 2020, the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) and American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), as well as the United States Surgeon General have advised that all elective procedures, such as screening and surveillance colonoscopies, and non-urgent Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) be postponed.

We have rescheduled all procedures with these diagnoses for dates after April 5, 2020 although that date will likely shift as the pandemic course unfolds. At this time, we are not scheduling any new appointments for elective or non-urgent procedures until we understand more on how this virus will be affecting our communities. Scheduling will resume for these appointments once we have more information on the impact to our community. Patients who were already scheduled for a procedure and delayed because of the COVID-19 outbreak will be contacted by our office for a new appointment once we have resumed surveillance and screening procedures.

Thank you for your continued trust and loyalty as we manage this public health emergency.

Mahalo,



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