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Dear Valued Patients,

We take the safety of our patients and staff very seriously. With the concerns presented by the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we are taking special precautions helping to ensure you can feel confident we have a safe environment for your vascular care. Because many of our patients have complicated health issues and are preparing for/recovering from surgery or having procedures within our office, we are very serious about the cleanliness of our facility. It is important to us that we do everything we can to protect our patients and staff against ongoing health risks like HIV, HIV/AIDS, various influenzas (H1N1, SARS), so we routinely follow established cleaning guidelines for the sterilization of equipment, surface disinfection, use protective coverings, and have staff wear gloves and a mask, etc. Patient exam rooms and procedure rooms are thoroughly sanitized and disinfected between each patient.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has established the following guidelines. If you fall into one of these categories, please contact our office to discuss your vascular health with a nurse to determine the best next steps for your particular situation.

- Patients with influenza-like illness are recommended to remain at home until they are free of fever for 72 hours (100 degrees F).
- Any patient who has traveled outside the country within the last 14 days.
- Any patient who has been in the vicinity of anyone with the coronavirus, or the flu and flulike symptoms.

These precautions are put in place to avoid potential exposure to the coronavirus and help keep our patients and team safe.

Your health is vitally important to us and given the potential life or limb threatening issues that can arise, we want you to communicate with us if you have concerns about your vascular health. Unless otherwise directed, if you feel comfortable getting out, please keep your appointment at MAVI trusting our long-established attention to infection control. Should the CDC make changes in its guidelines, we will respond accordingly and contact patients who may need appointments rescheduled.

Sincerely,

Annette Small, Chief Executive Officer

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