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YOUNIS CARDIOLOGY MASK POLICY

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We are all tired of this pandemic! Unfortunately, although the COVID situation has improved in the US lately, COVID is not gone. With emerging viral variants and new outbreaks in Europe and China, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a concern - even among the vaccinated population.

In the context of medical care, social distancing is not always possible. Dr. Younis and the rest of our staff will need to get close to you in order to deliver care (taking blood pressure, listening to your heart and lungs.) Also, there are patients seeking care in this building who have weakened immune systems due to illness. Guidance you may have seen in the media regarding the optional use of facemask in the general public setting **do not apply** to the medical setting.

Appropriately worn facemasks are effective at reducing risk of transmission of the virus. N-95 masks are even more effective.

Please be aware that

[a] Houston Methodist **requires** that all patients and family members visiting this building wear facemasks.

[b] Dr. Younis also requires that all patients and family members visiting our office wear facemasks.

[c] Patients who refuse to wear facemasks **will not be seen in this office**

Also please remember that in order to be effective, a facemask must cover your nose and mouth. Please be sure to wear your mask **correctly** at all time

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