

ATTENTION PATIENTS

Given recent updates by the CDC and Local Hospitals about the prevention and spread of influenzas, we are enforcing the recommended policy of limiting the number of guests accompanying the patient in our offices. We ask that no more than **1-2 persons** accompany each patient for the ultrasound exam. **Child counts as guest.** All children under the age of **12 years old** must be supervised by an adult.

Pregnant women are at an increased risk for severe complications and death from the infection of influenza/H1N1 (CDC) and here in the office we must be proactive in preventing the possible exposure of infection.

We also ask that all patients **advise the front office** if you or your guest have **Flu-like symptoms**, these include:

Fever	Cough	Sore Throat	Runny or Stuffy Nose
Muscle/Body Aches		Headaches	Chills Fatigue
Diarrhea		Vomiting	

We have tried to ensure that all patients have been informed of this policy prior to your first visit; however, if you have not, we apologize for any inconvenience but must do all we can to **ensure the health and safety of our patients** - especially here in the office.

Our staff will provide information to you about where to go for, flu shots as well as H1N1 vaccines and others as they become available. Generally, these vaccines will be given by your PCP or Obstetrician. Local **Urgent Care Centers** are also providing seasonal flu shots for \$25. More information about influenza and related pregnancy concerns can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/pregnant.htm>

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and truly understand what an exciting time this is for you and your family. **Please remember that our primary concern here at MFDC is the provision of high quality healthcare and 100% of our attention to you and your unborn child.**

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you,

Maternal Fetal Diagnostic Center

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