Thesecondopinion’s policy statement on COVID-19 as of March 8, 2020

The Covid virus appears to be an increasing health menace in our Bay Area community. We still don't know its real prevalence or total natural history as appropriate testing is not yet available. The CDC and local public health officials have enumerated people at risk for serious complications from the disease including those with serious chronic medical conditions, the elderly and infirm, and individuals who are immune-suppressed from either disease or treatment. Appearances at large public events are discouraged.

For the time being, thesecondopinion will continue to run live weekly review panels (second opinions) at our offices in San Francisco and at the Women’s Cancer Resource Center (WCRC) in Berkeley. Participants including physicians, staff, patients and their family members will be advised to call in (we are also looking into Zoom teleconferencing) and not appear in person if:

1. They suspect they may have a flu-like or cold illness.
2. If they have had any potential exposure to COVID virus.
3. They have had contact with any individual who recently returned from international travel.

All participants will be queried again on the day of the review panel and expected to wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water before entering the review panel room.

We are aware this is a fluid and rapidly evolving situation and policy will be subject to quick adjustment should things change.

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