

ESSENTIAL CARE GUIDELINES

ESSENTIAL VISITS MAY INCLUDE: Medical visits related to systemic and ocular disease, as well as visits in which the patients complain of blurry vision, change in vision, vision discomfort and other symptoms that interfere with or significantly hamper their day to day activity. Added consideration could be someone who loses or breaks their glasses and have no other pair. It is important to triage every schedule appointment.

ESSENTIAL EXAMPLES

PAIN, REDNESS, TO LIGHT	SENSITIVITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conjunctivitis has presumed links to COVID-19 patients• Acute or dull; in or around eye, may or may not include: trauma, vision loss, discharge• May or may not wear contact lenses
NO CURRENT VISION SOLUTIONS		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient has lost or broken their only pair of functional glasses, or is out of contact lenses without a back-up pair of glasses
CONTACT LENS-RELATED; URGENT		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pain, redness, discharge, sensitivity to light, sudden discomfort
VISION LOSS		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acute or gradual with or without pain, sudden onset blurry vision or color desaturation
HALOS AROUND LIGHTS		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acute or sudden; may or may not have painful brow• Patient over 40
FLASHES OR FLOATERS		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acute; one eye or both; with or without loss of vision; with or without pain
DOUBLE VISION		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acute; one or both eyes
DROOPING OF EYELID		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acute or sudden
TRAUMA		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blunt force or projectile; foreign body in eye, chemical burn

ANNUAL EXAMS

Annual exams can be both essential and non-essential depending on the patient's eye health history.

ESSENTIAL

- Not all annual exams are routine
- Essential visits include medical visits related to systemic and ocular disease; as well as visits in which patients complain of discomfort and other symptoms that interfere with or significantly hamper their day to day functions.

NON-ESSENTIAL

- Routine comprehensive eye exam