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## Peter Martin Writes "Re-Opening During the Half-Life of a Pandemic" for Worcester Medicine

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*Worcester Medicine* has published "Re-Opening During the Half-Life of a Pandemic" written by Peter Martin. The SARS-CoV-2 virus will always be with us. Even when COVID-19, the disease caused by that virus, is no longer categorized as a pandemic. Health care providers need to integrate this new reality into their office operations and practices. Peter Martin goes over some current practice issues and offers a guide to stimulate consideration and further action.

It is likely that patients will continue to find comfort in the obvious presence of hygienic supplies and distancing practices at the office, as well as common practices as asking for cell phone numbers for contact tracing purposes and maintaining logs of office visitors. It is possible that providers will find it advisable to maintain such practices and procedures even after they appear strictly required by COVID-19; they may become expected precautions during the annual flu season, for example.

Continue reading the full article "Re-Opening During the Half-Life of a Pandemic."