## **VITALIZE PEEL INSTRUCTIONS**

If you have a history of cold sores, please inform the office 3 days prior to your procedure.

**ONE WEEK BEFORE YOUR PEEL:** Avoid these products and/or procedures for one entire week prior to your chemical peel.

• Electrolysis, waxing, depilatory creams, laser hair removal

## THREE DAYS BEFORE YOUR PEEL: stop using:

- Retin-A, Renova, Differin, Tazorac
- Any products containing Retinol, alpha or beta hydroxyl acids, benzyl peroxide
- Any exfoliating products that may be drying or irritating

Shaving of the area to be peeled should be avoided on the day of the peel.

**AFTER YOUR VITALIZE PEEL:** it is crucial to the health of your skin and the success of your peel that these guidelines be followed:

- 1. If Retinoic acid is used as part of your treatment, your skin will have a light yellow tinge immediately after the procedure. This is temporary and will fade in 1 to 2 hours. Wait until the evening to wash your face, however, if you should choose to wash it sooner, please wait until after the yellow tinge completely disappears (1-2 hours).
- 2. You MUST use a sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or greater and avoid direct sunlight for at least 1 week.
- 3. If you have a hypersensitivity to the sun, take extra precautions (broad brimmed hat, sunglasses) to guard against exposure immediately following the procedure as you are more sensitive following the peel.
- 4. Your skin may be more red than usual for 2 to 3 days. Please avoid strenuous exercise during this time.
- 5. Approximately 48 hours after the peel, your skin will start to peel. This peeling will generally last 2 to 5 days. DO NOT PICK OR PULL THE SKIN.
- 6. REFER TO POST-PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DAILY SKIN CARE ROUTINE.
- 7. Do not have any other facial treatment for at least one week after your peel. This includes facials, microdermabrasion, laser treatments, BOTOX injections, & injectable fillers.
- 8. You may resume the regular use of Retin-A, alpha or beta hydroxy acid products, bleaching creams, make-ups ONLY after your peeling process is complete.

**ADVERSE EXPERIENCES THAT MAY OCCUR AFTER YOUR PEEL:** It is common and expected that your skin will be red and possibly itchy and/or irritated. It is also possible that other adverse experiences such as skin rash, acne, dark spots, swelling, burning.

CALL THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU HAVE ANY UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS AFTER THE PROCEDURE. #270-852-1645