



Newton-Wellesley Family Pediatrics January Newsletter 2021

COVID-19 Vaccine

The arrival of the [Moderna](#) and [Pfizer](#) vaccines is one huge step towards achieving herd immunity and combating the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to keep the NWFP community informed of vaccine updates in the pediatric world.



Some current pertinent information:

- [Massachusetts vaccine program and roll out](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Page](#)
- [V-safe after vaccination health check \(smart phone app\)](#)
- [ACOG statement on vaccination in pregnant and lactating women](#)
- [More information re COVID vaccine in pregnancy and breastfeeding](#)

Know anyone with vaccine hesitancy? Or just need a lighthearted way to learn a little more with so much information to digest these days? Your NWFP family brings you some knowledge with rhymes:

[COVID-19 Vaccine Poem](#)



Monoclonal Antibodies

The FDA has approved emergency usage of monoclonal antibodies as a treatment for *mild to moderate* COVID-19 for patients at **high risk** of progressing to severe disease. They are currently available for 12 years of age and older in patients with certain high risk conditions.

If your child is positive for COVID-19 and you think they may qualify, reach out to your primary care provider. A few details to be aware of:

- Treatment must be started within 10 days of onset (ideally the sooner the better)
- Treatment is a one time, outpatient, approximately 3 hour, IV infusion

- Currently not meant as a standard treatment, but for patients with high risk conditions as detailed in articles below

Read more about monoclonal antibodies here:

- [AAP Article](#)
- [FDA fact sheet for parents, patients and caregivers](#)
- [CDC current treatments for COVID](#)

Reminders for a swift visit with NWFP

- Hospital entrances are being monitored and patients are checked in one at a time following COVID safety precautions and **it may take longer than usual to get up to our office**, please plan accordingly
- Please remember to **call from your car** to notify us when you have arrived so we can ensure that an exam room is available to minimize any wait time in our waiting room
- Prior to your appointment, you will be asked screening questions with your reminder call, please make sure to **notify us if you have ANY symptoms of illness at all**, and please make sure to notify us if new symptoms develop since you have last spoken to our staff. We have **strict protocols for any patients with symptoms** (time of day, specific rooms and staff that will assist you) and must know ahead of time so that we can ensure safety for all
- If you have symptoms or known COVID exposure, and are scheduled for a non-urgent follow up or well visit, we kindly ask you re-schedule your visit as *we do not have the capacity to do a sick visit and well visit at the same time*
- We thank you for your understanding in efforts to keep our community safe. Review any further office changes on our [website](#)

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