



Newton-Wellesley Family Pediatrics February Newsletter 2021

Boston Children's COVID-19 Vaccine Webinar for Patients and Families

Interested in learning more about the vaccine? Sign up for this **free** webinar "COVID-19 vaccines: Answers for families"

Friday, February 19, 2021 at 3 PM.

Participants will learn:

- Which vaccines have been approved so far and how they work
- What families should know about the vaccine roll out
- What the vaccines mean for the "new normal"
- And much more!

With special guests:

Thomas Sandora, MD, MPH, Boston Children's Division of Infectious Diseases

Ana Vaughan, MD, MPH, Boston Children's Infection Prevention and Control

Eleanor Menzin, MD, Longwood Pediatrics

[Click here to register](#)

In case you missed it...

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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