



## COVID - 19 Updates

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Dear Pediaplace Family,

At Pediaplace Pediatrics, the health of our patients, office staff and community is our highest priority. Our physicians are staying up to date on the COVID-19 pandemic status in our community as well as nationally and globally. We are committed to being available for all of our patients and are adapting our medical care to be able to achieve this goal. Below is a summary of the changes we are making. Please keep in mind that the status of the pandemic changes daily, so for the most up to date information, please contact the office directly.

*Our goal is to see every patient that needs us, while still keeping our office staff safe.*

### **For Appointments :**

- We are asking for exposure and symptom history at the time of making the appointment and on arrival to the office.
- We are screening sick visits prior to offering in office appointments
- We are continuing to offer well child care visits at the office
- We are offering telehealth visits if necessary and determined as an option by our staff/physician.

### **When you arrive :**

- We are limiting the number of people in the waiting room
- We are disinfect the exam room touchpoint surfaces
- We are requiring all employees and visitors over the age of 2 yrs to properly wear a face mask. If you forget your mask, we will provide one for you.
- We are limiting family members that are allowed with the patient to only one accompanying adult unless we deem it medically necessary for an exception to be made.

### **If your child gets exposed/sick from the COVID-19 virus:**

- We are able to see your child via a telehealth visit
- If needed we can offer carside evaluation by our physician or medical assistant.
- We offer carside COVID-19 PCR or rapid testing for our patients, if our physician deems it necessary.
- We can coordinate with Inspira Medical Center Pediatric hospitalist or ED staff, if more care is needed



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### COVID-19 vaccine :

- We have encouraged all our office staff and their families to get a COVID-19 vaccine and booster doses, if they are eligible. All of our physicians are already fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19.
- For children, 5-17 years of age, the 2 dose Pfizer vaccine is currently available and you can schedule your child to get the vaccine at our office. Please call for an appointment or request one via our patient portal.
- Please call our office with any questions about the COVID-19 vaccine for you or your child. All of our doctors encourage everyone eligible to get the vaccine.

### School safety for your children:

- The CDC and AAP report that going to school in person is safe for children. We also recommend in person school over virtual school. We continue to be concerned and are monitoring new issues affecting children due to the pandemic, including an increase in mental health problems, obesity and vision problems. Please contact us if you have concerns for your child.

### Helpful links for more information about COVID-19 (Click the link to visit the page):

- [covid19.nj.gov](https://covid19.nj.gov)
- [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- [njaap.org/covid-19](https://njaap.org/covid-19)
- [healthychildren.org/COVID-19](https://healthychildren.org/COVID-19)

Thank You!