

Social Media Posts

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The Virus Season/Immunizations for Children

The Tridemic: Flu, RSV and COVID

Fall has arrived, and you need to start thinking about fall and winter viruses. The CDC recommends a flu shot for every child six months of age and older. Also, there is an updated COVID vaccine to protect everyone against the latest strain of COVID, and the CDC has advised all eligible family members to receive one.

A new immunization called Beyfortus will be available in October to protect babies and other children against RSV(Respiratory Syncytial Virus).

The flu and COVID vaccines are currently available in the market, so you can schedule your child's appointment now to get ahead of these two viruses. If your child is 8 months or younger, ask about the new RSV treatment. Older children with certain conditions may also benefit from the new RSV treatment.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2022-2023.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/highrisk/children.htm#when-children-vaccine>

Immunization Update Fall 2023

If your child is behind on the annual flu vaccine or any other immunizations, please call now to schedule an appointment. We will make every effort to complete all vaccinations at that time, including the updated COVID-19 vaccine (if available at our practice) and the new RSV treatment (available in October), if indicated. Your child's pediatrician will be able to answer any questions you may have. *#Protectourchildren #Name of Practice*

What is Co-administration? and What is It?

The CDC states that getting more than one immunization at a time (co-administration) is fine. If your child needs any immunizations, including the annual flu vaccine, call now to schedule. October, November and December are very busy months for colds, flu and other seasonal illnesses so remember that when scheduling. *#Protectourchildren #Name of Practice*

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/coadministration.htm>

Your child's annual flu vaccine

For the 2023-2024 flu season, your child may get a flu shot or a nasal spray vaccine. Your pediatrician will be the best person to advise you on which vaccine to get. Some children with other medical conditions should not get the nasal spray flu vaccine. Again, your pediatrician will be able to advise you. *#Protectourchildren #Name of Practice*

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/different-flu-vaccines.htm>

Does my child need two doses of flu vaccine?

Some children between 6 months and 8 years of age need two doses of flu vaccine. Your child's pediatrician is the best person to ask that question. If two doses are needed, they must be at least 4 weeks apart, so it is

important to get the first dose now. Call soon to schedule your child's flu vaccine. *#Protectourchildren #Name of Practice*

Where can my child receive a COVID-19 Vaccine? Option 1

(Name of Practice) is not currently providing the COVID-19 vaccines. There are other options available. Check with your local health department, vaccination clinic, drug store, or community vaccination site. Visit the [CDC's Vaccine Site Locator](#) to help find a location near you. Not all COVID vaccines are free this year, so it is important to check and see if a particular location is within your insurance network. Not all locations, particularly drug stores will provide vaccines for young children(5 and younger), so please check that as well. *#Protectourchildren #Name of Practice*

Where can my child receive a COVID-19 Vaccine? Option 2

(Name of Practice) is currently providing the updated COVID-19 vaccine. As all COVID vaccines are not free, please check with your insurance to see if covered. There is also an administration fee for immunizing your child. Again, you will need to check to see if covered by your insurance. At this time, Medicaid patients will continue to receive the vaccine free of charge. Visit [CDC's Vaccine Site Locator](#) to learn more about where to schedule a vaccine. *#Protectourchildren #Name of Practice*

Where can my child receive a COVID-19 Vaccine? Option 3

(Name of Practice) is currently providing the updated COVID-19 vaccine **for children 5 and under only.** **(Insert the age range specific to your practice)** As all COVID vaccines are not free, please check with your insurance to see if covered. There is also an administration fee for immunizing your child. Again, you will need to check to see if covered by your insurance. At this time, Medicaid patients will continue to receive the vaccine free of charge. You can also check your local health department, community vaccination site, health clinic or local drug store for older children. Visit [CDC's Vaccine Site Locator](#) to learn more about where to schedule a vaccine. *#Protectourchildren #Name of Practice*

What to Expect After any Immunization

There may be short term side effects after your child receives a shot. The most common side effects are pain, redness, or swelling where the shot was given. Some children may develop a rash, a mild fever, chills, or other mild symptoms. If more serious symptoms occur after the shot, such as difficulty breathing, extreme tiredness, little eating/drinking, etc., call your pediatrician immediately. If you cannot reach your pediatrician, call 911 or take your child to the nearest emergency room. *#Protectourchildren#Name of Practice*

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