

Frequently Asked Questions

***What is considered close contact or exposure to COVID-19?**

Less than 6 ft for 15 minutes or more AND 48 hours before or during the time of symptoms or positive test.

What if my child is exposed to COVID-19 at school?

Parents may be informed that their kids are exposed outside of the house.

Follow schools recommendations regarding requirements for testing and return to school requirements.

In general, children that are unvaccinated that are exposed* to COVID-19 should quarantine for 10-14 days. They should be tested immediately following knowledge of exposure and tested again on day 3-5 after exposure. Parents of exposed children do not need to quarantine unless the child becomes positive.

Vaccinated children do not need to quarantine but should be tested immediately following knowledge of exposure and tested again on day 3-5. Vaccinated children do not need to quarantine or isolate unless they become positive.

What if my child becomes positive for COVID-19?

Follow schools recommendations regarding requirements for testing and return to school requirements.

Children that become positive for COVID-19 need to isolate at home until 10 days have elapsed from the start of symptoms or their positive test AND they need to be fever free for 24 hours without meds AND have symptoms improved. Children do not need a test of cure.

Any family members in close contact* to a COVID-19 positive person will need to quarantine for 10-14 days unless they are fully vaccinated. Regardless of vaccinated status, family members that are close contact should be tested immediately following knowledge of exposure and on day 3-5 after exposure.

What if I am exposed to other people (family, community, co-workers)?

Any exposure via close contact* will need to quarantine for 10-14 days unless they are fully vaccinated. Regardless of vaccinated status, family members that are close contact should be tested immediately following knowledge of exposure and on day 3-5 after exposure.

Can we administer other vaccines with COVID-19 vaccines?

Yes, other vaccines can be co-administered with COVID-19 vaccines and the around the time of vaccine. There is no longer a time limit of 14 days for other vaccines.

We should hold placing PPD's or doing quantiferon gold tests after the 1st dose of covid vaccine, unless we are 28 days or more out from the final dose of the covid vaccine series (2 doses for moderna or Pfizer and 1 dose for Johnson and Johnson vaccine).

Are vaccines safe during pregnancy and during peripartum period, while still breastfeeding child?

Yes, the CDC and American College of Gynecology has strongly recommended COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy, after delivery and while breastfeeding. There is overwhelming data supporting that COVID-19 is extremely safe and improves outcomes in pregnant/post-partum women and the babies they are carrying.

Will high dose flu vaccine be available this year and when will it be available?

The high dose flu vaccine should be offered to people 65 and older. The high dose flu vaccine will be delivered along with the regular flu vaccine at the beginning of September and can be offered right away to our seniors.

What is the process of Monoclonal Antibody Orders? Can we order the referral for monoclonal antibody prior to having a positive COVID-19 result?

The monoclonal antibody should be ordered for people at risk for developing severe complications of COVID-19. We need to follow the process provided by Dr. Ursula Baffigo and Dr. Marco Angulo in their grand rounds presentation. Cindy Venegas will be forwarding this information out again. Orders should be written as urgent. We do need to wait for the documentation of positive COVID-19 test result. The team handling these referrals has been trying to expedite them to the best of their ability. We are hoping to roll out rapid covid-19 testing in the fall. More info to come.

How can we give booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine?

For now we propose the following for scheduling and vaccination purposes:

1. Individuals must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and have completed their vaccine series 28 days or more from their last COVID-19 vaccine.
2. Fully vaccinated is defined as prior 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. At this time there is not an approval for booster vaccines for Johnson and Johnson vaccines.
3. Fully vaccinated individuals with the following conditions may start scheduling appointments for booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to begin on Monday, August 16th, 2021.
 - History of Solid Organ Transplant
 - History of Bone Marrow or Stem Cell Transplant
 - Current Cancer or on Chemotherapy
 - HIV
 - Chronic Steroid Use for 2wks or More
 - Use of Immune Modulating Therapies Such as Rituximab
 - Kidney Disease Requiring Dialysis
 - Presence of Cirrhosis
 - Inherited or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes [link](#)
4. The booster vaccine must be of the same brand as the prior complete series. For example: fully vaccinated with Moderna must then receive a 3rd dose of the Moderna vaccine.
5. If the same brand is not available, they can receive their 3rd dose with the other mRNA vaccine brand.
6. COVID-19 vaccine may be given with other non-COVID vaccines.
7. HIV patients may be directly scheduled into vaccine appointments, all others need a provider visit first.

Criteria for scheduling and vaccination may change as more information comes out.

What if we don't know what COVID-19 vaccines our patients have gotten at the time of offering booster vaccine doses?

If patients have been given a vaccine outside of the US including a non WHO approved COVID-19 vaccine or if we do not know if they have been given a non-WHO COVID-19 vaccine, we may restart the COVID-19 vaccine series with US vaccines (2 pfizer or moderna vaccines or 1 Johnson and Johnson vaccines) 28 or more days from their last vaccine given outside of the US.

Listing of Finalized Emergency Use Authorization for WHO [link](#)

If are not sure what US vaccines a patient received we should ask if they received 1 or 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine. If they received 1 COVID-19 vaccine in the past and they are unsure whether they received Johnson and Johnson or Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, give them 1 further dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine 28 days or more following their last COVID-19 vaccine dose (this would be considered completing their initial series of vaccines). If they have received 2 doses of vaccine (presuming either Pfizer or Moderna were given) give them 1 further dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine 28 days or more following their last COVID-19 vaccine dose (this would be considered their booster shot dose).

What does it mean now that the Pfizer vaccine is FDA approved for 16 yrs of age and older?

We will continue to give the vaccine in the same way as we have been doing.

Anything that we can tell our patients about the Johnson and Johnson vaccine?

We are waiting on updated guidance from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the CDC and FDA to let us know when we can give boosters for the JandJ vaccine. We expect guidance to come out very soon. We will continue to update our vaccine hotline.