



The COVID-19 Resurgence: What You Need To Know



Rates of positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are increasing. This is our fourth summer since the pandemic, and every summer there has been a spike of COVID-19 as we travel and gather at a more frequent rate. The CDC reports that hospitalizations for COVID-19 have increased by 14.3%. The weekly percentage of test positivity has increased to 10.6% of all tests. With this number, we also have to take into consideration that, since the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE), data reporting to the CDC is no longer mandatory. Therefore, the extent of this surge will be less well captured by the current data we are seeing than in previous times.

There is no need to panic about this resurgence of COVID-19. However, it is good to educate yourself about your options. Right now, at home testing is a great tool for catching when you or a loved one may be positive and can then isolate accordingly. Unfortunately, since the PHE ended, private insurers are no longer legally obligated to cover COVID-19 testing at 100%. Therefore, a test in an office is susceptible to deductible and coinsurance costs, making at home testing the most cost friendly option for testing.

If you think your child may have COVID-19, we urge you to please test at home prior to scheduling an appointment with us. If your child or someone within your household tests positive, we may ask that you not schedule any appointments with us until the appropriate quarantine period has been met in order to reduce exposure to our patients and staff. Every child who tests positive for COVID-19 does not need to be evaluated by a physician, and we are more than happy to discuss your options for home care versus when urgent or emergency care may be necessary. If we do bring you into the office, we may ask that you wear a mask.

Practice Updates

- Please remember when dropping off, emailing, or sending forms through the portal, our providers need you to fill out everything that you can before they can complete it.
- For your convenience, our providers will do one of your child's quarterly medication checks during your child's wellness visit. If a medication check is done in tandem with a wellness visit, the medication check will be susceptible to copays, deductible, and coinsurance as any other medication check would be. If you are uncomfortable with these additional charges being incurred on the same day as the wellness visit, please schedule these appointments separately.



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