

## Patient Newsletter – February 23, 2021

Dear Patients:

Thank you for everything you are doing to protect yourself and others from getting COVID-19.

We are writing at this time to say that when it is your turn, we encourage and urge you to get vaccinated. We will contact you when your age group is eligible.

The COVID vaccine is coming soon! Over the coming weeks, you will be hearing more specific details about our local vaccination plan as we continue our work with Public Health and other community partners to develop our strategy.

We understand you may have questions about the vaccine. We believe the vaccines are very safe: all our physicians are going to get vaccinated, and several have already received their vaccines.

As with all vaccines, people may experience side effects after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. These are normal signs that your body is building protection. The most common side effects are pain at the injection site, fever, and chills. These side effects tend to be mild to moderate and go away on their own within 1–2 days.

Finally, just a reminder - COVID-19 vaccines are one important tool to help stop the pandemic. But in the meantime, and even after vaccination, everyone needs to continue following all the current guidance to protect themselves and others, including wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from other people and washing your hands thoroughly and often.

Thank you again for all you are doing to stay safe. Please continue to visit our website for updated information.

We, the physicians of New Vision Family Health Team, thank you!

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