

April 30, 2020

Dear Blue Fish patients and families,

We hope that you are all doing well and staying safe as we work together to slow the spread of COVID-19. We are all trying to strike a balance between doing what is necessary and minimizing contact with each other. Thankfully, the American Academy of Pediatrics and other child health experts have commented on this dilemma specifically when it comes to well child care.

Please consider reading the following article from The New York Times in which health experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics and other organizations discuss the importance of keeping children vaccinated during the pandemic:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/23/health/coronavirus-measles-vaccines.html?referringSource=articleShare>

At Blue Fish Pediatrics, we are taking the following precautions to protect patients while in the office:

- Well child checks and sick visits will be done during separate segments of the day.
- Patients will be moved quickly into exam rooms, bypassing the waiting room, when space allows.
- Patients will be asked to stay in their exam rooms.
- Patients will go directly to the exit, bypassing checkout.
- We will be disinfecting the office regularly as per CDC guidelines.

We encourage you not to postpone your well child appointments as it will be difficult to accommodate everyone's requests for visits during the already limited summer schedule.

We will soon be reaching out to patients who cancelled their well child visits to offer them appointments while the schedule is currently open and flexible.

Thank you for allowing us to care for your children. We will continue to do everything that we can to protect both our patients and our community.

Thank you.

Blue Fish Pediatrics