

To Our Valued Patients,

The COVID-19 pandemic has lasted far longer than anyone thought possible. Having spent many combined years in kidney care, we all know the hardship that this pandemic has had on people with kidney disease and their families. With variants continuing to spread quickly, it is more important than ever for us all to stay safe and protect ourselves.

People living with kidney disease are at a higher risk of experiencing complications from COVID-19, and many of you have taken control of your health and received your vaccine. Thank you for protecting yourself and the ones you love!

We want to remind you that the immunity from your first vaccine(s) may lessen over time, and a booster reminds your body how to fight the virus. A booster dose provides [additional protection](#) and is shown to be [effective](#) against the Omicron variant.

We are fortunate to be in a position where supply of vaccines and boosters is not an issue, and we have enough to provide protection to our entire community. If you have not received your first or second dose yet, we urge you to talk to your care team and get vaccinated as soon as possible. The risk of complications from COVID-19 are far greater than experiencing any rare side effects that may occur after vaccination; [learn more](#) from the CDC. If you are vaccinated, please talk to your care team about receiving your booster.

Please read "[Understanding the Facts About the COVID-19 Vaccines](#)" to learn more. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during these challenging times. We are honored to have the privilege to serve you.

Sincerely,

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