

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PEDIATRICS

The pediatricians at Scarsdale Medical Group are committed to protecting the health and safety of our patients, their families and our wider community. In an effort to prevent the unintended spread of COVID-19, we are following new protocols in our office, including:

- We continue to clean and disinfect our office and patient rooms diligently. We ask that if your child needs something to hold or play with that you bring a non-food item or toy from home.
- If your child has a fever or a cough, you will be asked to speak to a doctor before scheduling a sick visit. Many pediatric illnesses can be managed at home, and the Department of Health has advised us to limit visits to those that are necessary. A doctor can help you decide whether or not your child needs to be seen in the office.
- If the person bringing your child to an appointment has a fever or cough, please call our office to speak to a doctor **BEFORE** coming in.
- If your child has a fever or cough, the child and caregiver will be given a surgical mask to wear in the office upon arrival.
- We request that for all visits your child come to the office with only one parent or caregiver and that siblings be left at home when possible. This is to aid in the social distancing we need to slow the spread of the virus.
- We currently are **NOT** able to test for COVID-19 in our office.
- If you or your child has a fever or cough and has either been in close contact with a person confirmed to have COVID-19 or if you have had high risk travel, please call the NYS Coronavirus Hotline at 888-364-3065. Please call us if we can advise you on next steps.
- **We have set aside the hours of 9:00-12:00 for well visits and routine problem follow-ups only**, and we have set aside afternoon hours for sick visits only. If your child already has an afternoon well visit scheduled with us, a member of our staff will be reaching out to you in the coming days to reschedule the appointment.
- If your child develops signs of illness prior to a scheduled well or follow-up visit, please reschedule the visit for after the acute illness resolves.
- We encourage you keep your appointments for well visits for newborns, infants and children age 2 years and under as the vaccines given at these visits are essential.

Our pediatricians are available for any vaccine visits and strongly recommend that any child who has not yet received an influenza vaccine (or necessary influenza vaccine booster) to call to schedule an appointment for this as soon as possible.

We will keep you updated as we adapt to the changing environment and as more information becomes available. As always, you can reach us at 914-989-1111.