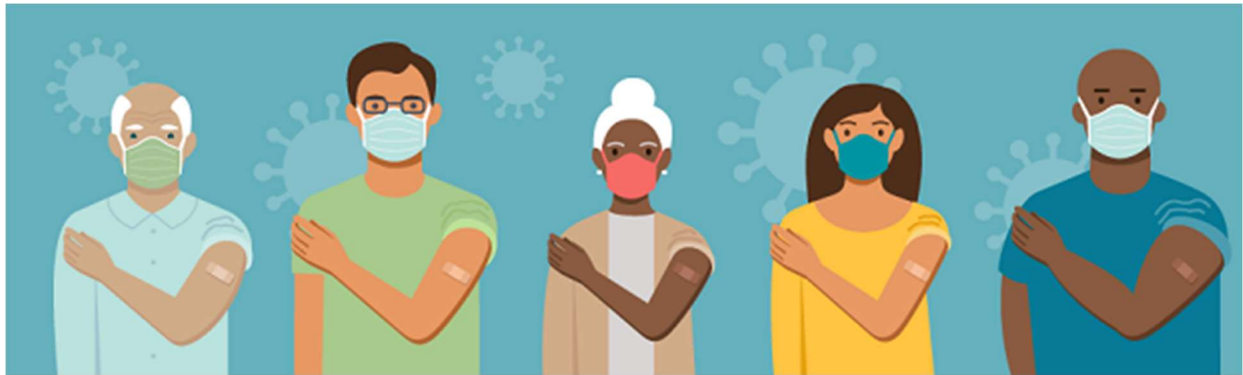


October 15th, 2021



Out of abundance of caution, the Medical Center is screening all guests before providing entrance into the facility. To ensure our team is able to address your needs; we kindly ask to be as forthcoming as possible regarding your visit and provide all symptoms you may be experiencing.

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot: Call the Medical Center to schedule your Booster Shot.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

COVID-19 Vaccine booster shots are available for the following Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine recipients who completed their initial series at least 6 months ago:

- 65 years and older
- 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- 18+ who work in high-risk settings
- 18+ who live in high-risk settings

For those interested in learning more about the different types of vaccines and how they work; I have include the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FjIVIIcCvc>

PEDIATRIC CARE:

Pediatric Care at The Medical Center is now supported by Nicklaus Children's Hospital partners. Helmed by Rosa Monte-Fernandez, M.D; Pediatric Preventive, Comprehensive and Wellness services are available at MCOR. In addition to being an on-site Visiting Specialist: Dr. Monte-Fernandez is also available for scheduled telehealth appointments.

Parents of minors, we invite you to establish care with Dr. Monte-Fernandez. Her contact information and registration forms can be accessed via MOCR.org. Also of note, for those of you who have not yet secured flu vaccinations for your children; do not hesitate to give us a call to confirm your child's appointment.

As Flu season approaches, the CDC recommends children 6 months through 8 years of age who are receiving influenza vaccine for the first time or who have received only 1 dose before July 1, 2021, or whose vaccination status is unknown, should receive 2 doses of influenza vaccine 4 weeks apart, ideally by the end of October.



Rosa Monte Fernandez, M.D.

Dr. Monte is a Board-Certified Pediatrician and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She has been practicing pediatrics in Broward County for more than 30 years. She has a passion for academic medicine while her clinical interests are in early childhood development and adolescent medicine.

To make an appointment, please call 954-385-6277.

FLU SEASON: What's New for 2021-2022

A few things are different for the 2021-2022 influenza (flu) season, including:

- Annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older, with [few exceptions](#).
- The [composition of flu vaccines](#) has been updated.
- All flu vaccines will be quadrivalent (four component), meaning designed to protect against four different flu viruses. For more information: [Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine | CDC](#).
- Licensure on one flu vaccine has changed. Flucelvax Quadrivalent is now approved for people 2 years and older.
- Flu vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines can be given at [the same time](#).
- More detailed guidance about the recommended timing of flu vaccination for some groups of people is available.
- Guidance concerning contraindications and precautions for the use of two flu vaccines – Flucevax Quadrivalent and Flublok Quadrivalent – were updated.

In Other News:

Merck said Monday it is seeking US Food and Drug Administration emergency use authorization (EUA) for its experimental antiviral Covid-19 treatment, molnupiravir. If authorization is granted, the drug, made by Merck and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics, would be the first oral antiviral treatment to fight Covid-19. It comes in capsule form.

“At the interim analysis, molnupiravir reduced the risk of hospitalization or death by approximately 50%; 7.3% of patients who received molnupiravir were either hospitalized or died through Day 29 following randomization, compared with 14.1% of placebo-treated patients,” the company said in a statement.

Data from the trial has not yet been peer-reviewed or published. At a White House Covid-19 briefing last week, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, called the trial results “very encouraging,” but said the drug needs close scrutiny by the FDA.

The links below provides an abundance of tracking information you may find of interest:

- <https://usafacts.org/visualizations/covid-vaccine-tracker-states/state/florida>
- <https://www.mayoclinic.org/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccine-tracker>
- <https://www.axios.com/pfizer-covid-vaccine-boosters-fda-approval-69ff9870-5e9a-4099-98ff-24085091cc7f.html>
- <https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2020/health/coronavirus-questions-answers/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2021-2022.htm>



RESOURCE

Additional information, links to community and local resources, MCOR's updated COVID-19 tracking grid and more is available at:

WWW.MCOR.ORG