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## Covid-19 Update

Dear Patient,

We are currently experiencing a significant surge in Covid-19 cases locally along with a steady increase in the number of patients hospitalized due to Covid-19. With the emergence of the Omicron variant locally, these numbers are expected to rise before they get better.



If you have not already received your booster shot of the Covid-19 vaccine, get it now. While we are seeing more breakthrough cases despite vaccinations, individuals who have received booster shots have the greatest protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death from Covid-19. Previous Covid-19 infection is not enough protection against the Omicron variant.

The best ways to protect yourself against Covid-19 are to be fully vaccinated (which now means you have received a booster shot), wearing a mask, frequent hand washing, and following social distancing protocols.

**Please note the office will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31** so our staff can celebrate the holidays. I remain available by cell phone and email during those times.

Please respond to this email if you have further questions.

Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year.

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