



Parker Jewish Institute
HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION

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Dear Parker Family Members and Friends,

Recently, the World Health Organization classified a new COVID-19 variant, B.1.1.529, as a Variant of Concern and has named it Omicron. Parker is following the details of this new variant and will continue to monitor its path.

We know what it takes to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The CDC recommends people follow [prevention strategies](#), such as wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high [community transmission](#), washing your hands frequently and physically distancing from others. The CDC also recommends that everyone 5 years and older protect themselves from COVID-19, by getting [fully vaccinated](#). The CDC encourages a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose for those who are eligible.

Typically, during the winter season, we may see a rise in infections due to the common cold. At this time, we have four residents with cold symptoms, that are unrelated to COVID-19 or the flu.

Below, you will find helpful links and resources. Please consider getting vaccinated, if you have not already done so, and/or share these links with someone, who may greatly benefit from receiving the vaccine.

As we encourage vaccination against COVID-19, Parker has a vaccination and testing clinic, located conveniently on the facility grounds, for you and your family members, who may be interested and/or in need of the COVID -19 vaccine or Covid-19 test. Please see the resources listed below to provide you with the support and opportunities to ensure that you and your loved ones stay safe and maintain good health.

COVID-19 Vaccine Registration for children ages 5 and 11 - NEW

The CDC now recommends that children between the ages of 5 and 11 years receive the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine.

[COVID-19 Vaccine information for parents](#)

[Get the Facts: What You Need to Know](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Click here to view our available appointments for children ages 5 to 11 and make your appointment to receive your COVID-19 shot here at Parker!](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Registration for people 12 and older

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available in New York to people 12 and older.

[Click here to view our available appointments for people ages 12 and over and make your appointment to receive your COVID-19 shot here at Parker!](#)

***Note:** People who are 12 to 17 years old are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine.*

You must be eligible to receive vaccine in accordance with the NYSDOH criteria.

You must bring proof of age, identification and your insurance card.

Your second dose appointment will automatically be scheduled 21 days after your first dose.

Please reschedule if you are not feeling well on the day of your appointment.

Remember to please wear a mask to your appointment. You will not be vaccinated without one.

Consent for Minors

For the purposes of COVID-19 vaccine, a minor is defined as an individual under the age of 18 years. Minors need parental or guardian consent to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, except in the rare instance where the minor is part of a group to whom the law gives the right to consent to their own care (e.g., emancipated minors, married minors, minors who are parents or pregnant, and minors in the military). A parent or legal guardian must accompany a minor age under the age of 18 years to provide in-person consent for vaccination at each dose. Vaccine Support Staff must document in the name of the person providing consent for the minor. Verbal consent is allowed.

Booster Shots

The following people are now eligible for a booster shot of the Pfizer vaccine, if they received two doses of the Pfizer vaccine at least six months ago:

- People 65 or older
- People 18 to 64 and either have an [underlying medical condition](#) or a higher risk of COVID-19 exposure due to their job (for example, health care workers) or where they live or frequently visit (for example, a homeless shelter)
- People living in a nursing home or other long-term care facility

You will only be able to get a Pfizer booster shot if you received a second Pfizer dose at least six months ago. There are no exceptions to this restriction.

This shot is intended to help many people boost their immunity from the initial vaccination series, which may have decreased over time.

Wishing all a wonderful Holiday Season and please remain vigilant, with your personal safety, as we celebrate in large gatherings.

Respectfully,

The Parker Team