



BEDFORD PEDIATRICS

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Re: COVID-19 Screening and Testing

Dear Patients and Parents,

As you may know, the number of confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Massachusetts continues to grow. At Bedford Pediatrics, we are following the situation closely and staying up to date with the current screening and testing guidelines from the CDC and Massachusetts DPH.

Please CALL our office to speak with one of our medical providers if:

- Your child is experiencing fever or signs and symptoms of respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)
- AND**
- He / she has been in close contact with someone with a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 infection **OR** has traveled recently (within 14 days before the onset of symptoms) to a geographic area with ongoing community transmission of COVID-19 (currently, this includes mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea)

In the above cases, we are asking you not to bring your child to our walk-in hours. We want to provide the best possible care for your children without unnecessary exposure to other patients and families.

As always, the health and safety of our patients is our top priority. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bedford Pediatrics