



## **25- 26 COVID Vaccine Plans**

With final FDA approval, we are preparing to offer the updated 2025–2026 COVID vaccine at our offices later this month. We will be switching from Pfizer to Moderna for all age groups. We will be offering it at regularly scheduled well visits and COVID vaccine only clinics. We will NOT be able to offer the COVID vaccine at flu vaccine clinics this year.

Vaccine administration will always depend on supply and shipment. We anticipate there will be reliable supply throughout the season, but shipments will ultimately be out of our control.

***Please do not call or send messages inquiring about COVID vaccine availability. Check the website and your email regularly! We will share more details as soon as they are available!***

Whenever possible, we prefer your child(ren) receive their vaccines with Capital Area Pediatrics, especially your young children. If you are unable to wait for an appointment with us, there are some pharmacies in Virginia that have received the updated COVID vaccine. It can only be administered with a prescription. You may request a prescription for your child(ren) if:

- They are up to date on their regular physical and vaccinations
- You verify what pharmacy you would like a prescription sent to (Name, Address)
- You verify which COVID vaccine the pharmacy has available for your child (Pfizer or Moderna)

You may send a message via portal to the last provider who did your child's physical with your request and the correct pharmacy and vaccine. Please send a separate request for each child so the prescription can be in the correct chart. Despite this prescription, we cannot guarantee whether the pharmacist will administer the vaccine to your child and cannot guarantee insurance coverage. Please allow 48 business hours for your provider to complete your request. As we are always busy taking care of patients in the office, we are unable to send duplicate prescriptions of each manufacturer to multiple pharmacies.



## **Protect Your Crew. Get Vaccinated Against Flu!**

Capital Area Pediatrics is now offering flu vaccine! Self scheduling is now available!

We will be offering flu vaccine for all existing patients over 6 months of age. Getting vaccinated before October 31 is an ideal target, but vaccination anytime during the fall/ winter season is also appropriate!

*If your child has a scheduled well visit or follow up visit before November 1, your child and up to 2 family members will be offered vaccination at that visit.* In order to be eligible for family flu visits, their registration must be completed 24 hours in advance of the well visit. Please do not use a vaccine only clinic appointment that could be used by another family.

Please self-schedule for a vaccine only clinic [here](#). Please change location if your primary site does not have a date and time that is convenient for you. Pre-registration for all family members MUST be completed > 24 hours in advance of the visit. We will continue to add more clinics as supply, demand, and staffing allows. If you do not find something immediately, please check back periodically as we will continue to add more vaccine only clinics.

Our ability to vaccinate will always be based on shipment and supply, which is often out of our control.

***Please do NOT call the office to ask about availability or schedule flu vaccine. We need our phone lines open for urgent concerns. What you see on the self-schedule calendar is what is available at that moment!***



## **Beyfortus Information**

**Beyfortus (nirsevimab)** is the FDA approved long acting monoclonal antibody given as a single intramuscular injection to prevent respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection and associated hospitalizations.

### **Who is eligible?**

- Infants < 8 months old born during or entering their first RSV season *and* mother did not receive Abrysvo > 2 weeks before baby was born *and* infant has not previously received Beyfortus.
- Children ages 8-19 months who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease, reviewed by your provider, and entering their 2<sup>nd</sup> RSV season.

### **What is CAP's plan for launching Beyfortus this season?**

- We plan on administering Beyfortus starting October 1, pending shipment.
- If your child has an upcoming well visit in October and is of an eligible age, you will be offered Beyfortus at your visit and will NOT receive a self-schedule link.
- Otherwise, you will receive a self-schedule link via text and email when we are ready to schedule appointments. You *cannot* use our normal website self-schedule buttons.
- Ongoing administration will depend upon supply.
- We will not be able to administer to children who do not meet criteria.
- We ask that you do NOT call or send appointment requests outside of what is offered through our self-schedule link.
- At your visit, you will be asked to stay for 15 minutes after the injection for observation.