



**Hello everyone,**

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for all the sacrifices you have made as patients of Reading Pediatrics. Approximately 4 months ago, we instituted several protocols with the main goals of providing the safest possible environment to care for our patients, while protecting our employees and allowing them to continue to work. We are happy to say that to date we have seen over 15,000 patients and to the best of our knowledge, there has been no patient exposed to Coronavirus in any of our offices and not one of our employees has contracted Coronavirus.

We could not have accomplished these goals without your help. THANK YOU!! To those of you who would have normally come to our Exeter office and have had to drive to our Wyomissing office for your child's well visit, we thank you. For those of you who would normally come to our Robesonia, Temple, or Wyomissing locations for a sick visit, but have now driven to Exeter, we thank you. For those of you that have patiently waited in your cars while our nurses take the time to sterilize every room after every patient, we thank you. To all of you that have worn the masks that we have all come to hate, we thank you. On behalf of our pregnant moms, our newborns, our patients and staff who are immunocompromised, and our parents and staff that are high risk, we thank you.

Unfortunately, we are in a marathon and not a sprint, and we will likely have to continue our new protocols for the foreseeable future. As we all start to enjoy seeing family and friends again, going to restaurants, taking vacations, and trying to resume some semblance of a normal life, the Coronavirus cases in our community will increase. These trends will continue as we return to work, children return to day care, camps and sports, and in the fall when hopefully children return to in person school. We have already seen an increased number of calls this week due to families exposed to Coronavirus. With your continued help, we believe we are prepared to handle these increases in exposures and cases. We are continually monitoring our protocols along with Coronavirus trends, to adjust and accommodate as detailed below:

- In anticipation of increased demand for flu shot this year, we are currently making plans for earlier, more frequent, outdoor flu clinics.
- In anticipation of the need for quick and accurate Coronavirus testing, we are making plans to provide an in office 15 minute test in the near future.
- In anticipation of many of your return to school and other Coronavirus related questions, Dr. Jamie Chmielowski and Dr. Sanand Menon will be hosting another Facebook Live on July 21<sup>st</sup> to answer these questions in detail.

Please continue to follow us on social media and on our website for more information about these programs.

Finally, thanks again for all you have done for us over the last four months. It has undoubtedly been a painful time for everyone, but we are grateful to all of you for your help and support. YOU ARE THE BEST!! As always, if there is anything we can do to help you, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Thank you for the privilege of caring for your children,**

Your Reading Pediatrics Family