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To our Patients and Colleagues:

Our physicians have received numerous phone calls, emails, and in-office questions regarding the newly approved COVID-19 vaccines and their suitability for administration in our patients.

At this time, the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) **has tentatively recommended that all rheumatology patients receive an approved COVID-19 vaccine**, as these vaccines become available in their local community.

Please be aware that **our practice will not be receiving any approved COVID-19 vaccines. Therefore, we will not be able to administer the vaccine** or write prescriptions or letters for patients to receive a vaccine. Please direct all questions regarding the approval, scheduling, and administration of an approved COVID-19 vaccine to your primary care physician or local hospital system.

**At this time, we are also recommending that patients continue their regularly prescribed rheumatology medications before, during, and after COVID-19 vaccine administrations unless directed otherwise by their physician.**

Please be aware that these recommendations are subject to change in the future, as studies regarding the use immunosuppressive medications and therapies in the context of COVID-19 vaccinations are currently in development.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time as we continue to strive to provide the highest quality rheumatology care for our patients.

Sincerely,  
The Physicians and Staff of Rheumatology Specialty Center

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