



WE WILL NOT BE ADMINISTERING THE COVID VACCINE AT PREMIER HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR ACCESSIBILITY TO THE VACCINE.

We are currently scheduling all Medicare patients as usual for their infusions, as the Most Favored Nation Model is on hold though the court systems.

The physicians at Premier HealthCare Associates, Inc. (PHA) have carefully reviewed the rapidly-developing COVID-19 vaccine landscape, including the FDA EUA approval of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. We recognize that patients with autoimmune diseases were not studied in these trials and that quality data on patients with autoimmune diseases will not be available for many months (likely at least late 2021). However, the risk of contracting COVID-19 appears to be much higher than the risk of taking a vaccine. None of the current vaccines are live vaccines and all can be taken with all types of immunologic medications. However in order to maximize the efficacy of the vaccine response please check with your provider to see if you need to temporarily hold your medication. Please use our Patient Portal to ask your question(s) as we anticipate that we will be getting a large volume of requests and that will be the fastest way to receive a response. We cannot guarantee prompt return phone call for these questions, as we will be focusing on other clinical calls. If you have an autoimmune disease and are followed by PHA, we are recommending that, from a Rheumatologic perspective, you are a candidate to take the vaccine and we recommend it. As far as any non-rheumatologic concerns you have (allergies, etc.), please discuss these with your primary care provider or other specialists.