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To Our Valued Patients and Families:

As throughout the COVID-19 public health crisis, the care and protection of Northwest Kidney Centers patients and staff is our top priority. With the news of increasing infections and transmission of COVID-19 due to the emergence of new variants, we want to remind you of the required safety protocol.

Masks must be worn at all times inside the clinic. We strongly recommend limiting any eating or drinking. If you must eat or drink, we recommend foods that can be eaten quickly or require minimal mask removal. Fully covering your nose and mouth provides critical protection again COVID-19. It is important we remain vigilant. Even if you are vaccinated, we need you to wear a mask.

We strongly encourage you, if you haven't already, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Many of our patients are now eligible for a third, or booster, dose of the vaccine. A third does can provide the best protection for vulnerable individuals. If you need assistance in accessing a vaccine, your care team is here to help!

You can be assured that our staff continue to do their part in keeping the clinic experience as safe as possible. We will continue to screen employees, patients and any essential visitors when they enter our clinics and will continue to maintain physical distancing. Our staff has the most up to date Personal Protective Equipment to be able to care for you safely and are required to be vaccinated.

Northwest Kidney Centers will be begin offering flu vaccine at your dialysis clinic on October 1st so mark your calendars!

Thank you for all you do to keep each other safe and thank you for trusting Northwest Kidney Centers to care for you and your loved ones.

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