

Subject: COVID Vaccination Guidelines

The American College of Rheumatology has set guidelines related to Immunomodulatory therapy and the COVID-19 Vaccine. Below are the the updated recommendations.

If you are taking Enbrel, Remicade, Humira, Simponi, Simponi Aria, Actemra, Kevzara, Benlysta, Prograf, Cyclosporin, Tacrolimus unless notified otherwise by your physician, no modification in treatment regimen is necessary.

If you are taking Methotrexate, Xeljanz, Rinvoq, Olumiant hold your dose 1 week after each vaccine dose.

If you are taking Orencia SQ injections: Hold 1 week prior and 1 weeks post the FIRST vaccination dose, no hold after 2nd vaccination.

If you are taking Orencia IV the first vaccine should be 4 weeks after Orencia infusion (if possible), and continue to hold for 1 week post vaccination, for the FIRST dose only, no hold after the second dose of vaccine

If you are taking Rituximab vaccination should be COMPLETED prior to starting a Rituxan coarse, Infusion should be scheduled for 2-4 wks after 2nd vaccination (if disease activity allows)

If you are taking Cellcept/Myfortic, generic form Mycophenolate Mofetil, current recommendations for stable disease, to withhold med for one week following each vaccine dose.

Patients taking, Stelara, Cosentyx, Tremfya, Siliq, Talz, or Kineret, no modifications currently suggested for vaccine implementation.

Anti-inflammatory medications and Tylenol are recommended to be withheld 24 hours prior to vaccination in stable individuals. No restrictions given for post vaccination status.

If you have any additional questions, please direct them to your physician.