

## **COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

*For congenital heart patients*



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### **What is COVID-19?**

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing respiratory illness in people and others circulating among animals. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can evolve and infect people and then spread between people. Previous coronavirus outbreaks have included severe acute respiratory syndrome, also called SARS, and Middle East respiratory syndrome, also called MERS. COVID-19 is the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine**

Your care team recommends all patients receive the COVID-19 vaccine unless you have a documented allergy to an ingredient in the vaccine. Please contact your primary care provider if you have COVID-19 symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. Please contact your cardiology care team if you have questions about COVID-19 including vaccination and antiviral treatment as it relates to your cardiac care.

### **COVID-19 Resources**

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 please visit:

#### **King County Public Health:**

- [kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/health-safety/disease-illness/covid-19](https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/health-safety/disease-illness/covid-19)

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:**

- [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19.html)

### **Questions?**

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns.

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