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Dear FMDSA members,

We were asked by Pam Mace and the FMDSA to comment on the COVID-19 vaccines and respond to some questions regarding the vaccine FMDSA has received.

Please know, we both plan to take the vaccine as it becomes available and would recommend the same for our patients according to the most-recent guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (see below). Supplies of the vaccine are limited and states are prioritizing vaccination for different groups, but it is expected the vaccine will become more available for more people in the coming months. Two doses of the vaccine (spaced weeks apart) are needed to protect from getting COVID-19.

To our knowledge, there are no special considerations for taking the COVID-19 vaccine for patients with FMD, but as always, if you have specific questions about your situation, please contact your primary care provider or FMD specialist.

CDC Website on the COVID-19 Vaccine:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

We wish all members of the FMD community and the FMDSA a safe and peaceful holiday season... and above all a healthy New Year! We look forward to a time in the future when we can be together again.

All the best,

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