

## Letter: Please get vaccinated

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Dear community,

We are your physicians. You have honored us by entrusting your lives to us, as well as the lives of your loved ones. We are also your neighbors, your friends and your relatives. We share with you a deep love of this region and of our communities. Like you, we dream of a safe, COVID-free future.

Please get vaccinated. We ask this from the bottom of our hearts. As your physicians, and as the people with whom you have worked, played, laughed and cried, we must admit we are tired. We will keep working, of course. But we are tired. We are tired of the suffering, pain and death that can be avoided by getting vaccinated.

We have studied the data, and we have seen the benefits of vaccination with our own eyes. The vaccines are well tested, very safe and highly effective. Yes, masking must continue, especially with the highly contagious Delta variant. But nothing is as important as being vaccinated.

You've trusted us with every other aspect of your health. Please trust us with this. We are not asking you to do anything that we have not already done. Please, for the sake of our community: the young, the old, and all the in-betweens, get vaccinated.

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