



## Returning to school for children with rheumatic disease

With a new school year right around the corner, here are the recommendations from the rheumatology department:

- We believe that it is important for the majority of our patients to return to school for their overall well-being.
- We recommend that all our patients that are eligible, get double vaccinated.
- We recommend the wearing of masks throughout the day other than when eating lunch for all children on immunosuppressive therapy.
- If a patient is not eligible for vaccination and on prednisone we suggest you discuss the return to school with your health care provider.
- Remember, it is also important for all household members to employ good hand hygiene, and other strategies to reduce transmission of COVID-19. Household members should adhere to public health physical distancing recommendations outside of the home. We also recommend that eligible family members get double-vaccinated to protect their children.