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Dear Patients of Lomibao Rheumatology & Wellness Care:

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is an ever evolving situation and many patients have the same questions. As such we have compiled a list of frequently asked topics, based on the most current data.

Lomibao Rheumatology & Wellness Care ("the practice") supports the recommendations of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

- The practice supports that ALL individuals who qualify for and can safely receive COVID vaccination receive it - as the benefits far outweigh the risks
- The practice supports that there is NO consistent evidence that COVID vaccination causes or flares up rheumatology disease - and that the benefits still far outweigh the hypothetical risks
- The practice supports that Rheumatology patients are recommended to receive the 3rd dose COVID vaccination booster, especially those who use high-risk medications
- The practice supports that per the ACR: "Healthcare providers should not routinely order any lab testing (e.g., antibody tests for IgM and/or IgG to spike or nucleocapsid proteins) to assess immunity to COVID-19 post-vaccination, nor to assess the need for vaccination in a yet-unvaccinated person."
- Due to the above, the practice will respectfully decline requests to order laboratory tests as described and will refer patients back to their PCP

For further information:

<https://www.rheumatology.org/Portals/0/Files/COVID-19-Vaccine-Clinical-Guidance-Rheumatic-Diseases-Summary.pdf>

<https://www.rheumatology.org/About-Us/Newsroom/Press-Releases/ID/1161>

Patient safety is our utmost priority and we thank you for your continued support in protecting our Rheumatology patients by getting vaccinated, wearing a mask when you visit our facility, and other precautions as indicated.

In Good Health,
Lomibao Rheumatology & Wellness Care, PLLC