

A Pediatrician Parent on Young Kids and COVID - transcripts

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“We will anxiously await the data here, hopefully in the next month or two regarding these early vaccines for these younger kids,” Dr. Endris said. “We have unfortunately seen more and more hospitalizations in this age range. But hopefully in the coming months, we'll see things improve.” (:19)

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“Have a conversation with your physician or your pediatrician if you have concerns,” he recommended. “Our youngest child actually has an immuno-compromising condition, so we kind of err a little bit more on the safe side, but we still let our kids participate in activities when appropriate. Ideally, it's easier if they're outdoors and able to do that, but in the winter, that's not the case. So we just kind of pick our couple of activities that we enjoy, and you know, mask up and go to the library for instance.” (:35)

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“We should always try to set a good example for our kids in every aspect of our life, especially with being safe during a pandemic. So, when we wear masks ourselves, our kids look at that and see a role model in our parents and hopefully learn to practice safe distancing and masking when appropriate.” (:20)

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“It's just kind of a learning process for all of us, and we're just hoping we're doing as best as we can and trying to raise resilient, independent kids.” (:09)

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“I would just say that this too shall pass; this isn't forever. And, you know, we do what we can to get by while being safe, and eventually we'll come out on the other side.” (:10)