



MAKE A PLAN



COVID-19 has caused significant disruption across care – including an alarming decline in medical appointments.¹

92% of people with rare diseases remain affected by COVID-19, and 94% are worried about the impact of the pandemic.¹

Don't wait. Contact your child's doctor. Make a plan.



Don't delay starting or continuing care because of the pandemic without talking to your doctor.



Work with your doctor to determine when it's appropriate to start or reschedule any care appointments that may have been delayed due to COVID-19.



Talk to your child's doctor right away about any symptoms or concerns you have.

Why could this be happening?



Routine visits postponed due to stay-at-home orders.^{2,3}



Care centers offering limited services during COVID-19.⁴



Laboratory tests, assessments and imaging **scaled back.**⁵



Concern about getting COVID-19 during a doctor visit.⁴



Reallocation of healthcare resources to fight COVID-19.⁴



Job and healthcare insurance loss due to COVID-19.⁶

Challenges Accessing Care

Did you know?



79% of people with rare diseases have experienced a canceled medical appointment; **51%** of those report the appointment was canceled by a medical provider.¹



Postponing or facing delays in care may result in additional complications down the road.⁷

Hospitals and clinics are doing all they can to ensure the health and safety of patients during the pandemic. Work with your doctor to develop a plan that will continue care while also taking COVID-19 safety measures into account.

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