

JUNE 2020

# THE PATIENT PRESCRIPTION



Your Health Begins Here



*Dr. Reynald Garma, a pediatrician at HopeHealth Pediatrics in Manning, examines a patient's ear during a well visit.*



## ONE CHILD AT A TIME

### Pediatric Well Visits The importance of in-office care

While South Carolina continues to reopen businesses and adjusts social distancing guidance, it is important for children to see their provider for their regular well-visit appointments.

While a telehealth well child care option, "bringing your child into the office for a scheduled well-visit or vaccination appointment with their provider is an essential part of their health care and development," said Dr. Michael K. Foxworth II, HopeHealth pediatrician at the Medical Plaza. "It should occur in person

whenever possible.

Fortunately, pediatric patients have not been the sickest group during this pandemic and HopeHealth continues to take many steps to ensure the safety of all patients and staff. These measures include:

- limiting appointments to one accompanying parent or guardian
- asking that siblings not come to appointments
- removing all toys and books from common areas
- increasing cleaning and disinfecting measures

We also recommend bringing a small toy or book to appointments to keep your child occupied during any wait time.

Contact your provider today to schedule your child's well visit or for any questions.



## COVID-2019 Updates

HopeHealth remains open for patient appointments. For updates about HopeHealth's response and current guidelines, visit [hope-health.org/covid-19](https://hope-health.org/covid-19).

For up-to-date information on the coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

## THE PATIENT PORTAL

### Accessing Care From Home

HopeHealth offers a Patient Portal as a secure service for those who wish to participate in telehealth services using their smartphone or computer.

You can access the Patient Portal by computer or using the Healow app on a smart phone. Visit [hope-health.org/televisit](https://hope-health.org/televisit) for more information.

## CANCELED

All HopeHealth community events and classes for May have been canceled.

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