Dear Colleague,

You may have heard about a rare but very serious syndrome in children and teens that is associated with the Coronavirus. At this time, we are not aware of any information on the incidence of this new Coronavirus syndrome that is specific to children with I/DD. Please note that there is much variation in the symptoms experienced by children who have been diagnosed with this new Coronavirus syndrome. Parents are urged to contact their child’s health care provider quickly if they have any concerns about their child’s health.

The signs and symptoms of this new Coronavirus syndrome may include some of the following (but there may also be other symptoms):

- persistent high fever
- a rash
- red eyes
- abdominal pain
- skin peeling on hands or feet

Furthermore, this syndrome may begin weeks after the child had the Coronavirus. If the child was asymptomatic, the parents may not know that the child had been infected.

The New York Times published a case study of a previously healthy 14-year-old who developed this severe syndrome in mid-April. See the article here:

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has described this illness as: "Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)." The CDC information on MIS-C for pediatric providers is available here: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/pediatric-hcp.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/pediatric-hcp.html).
Please share this information with others who may also be interested.

Thank you,

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