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With the distribution of COVID vaccines beginning, we believe transplant recipients should be encouraged to get the vaccine, consistent with the recommendations of the American Society of Transplantation, the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and the United Network of Organ Sharing. The risk of a COVID infection in the transplant recipient population is significant with Cravedi et al reporting a 32% mortality rate for hospitalized transplant recipients in a recently published 12 center study.

We also want to encourage transplant centers to support the enrollment of transplant recipients, receiving the vaccine, in the multi-center research study organized by the Hopkins research team to better understand the impact of the vaccine on transplant recipients. The study web page, which includes patient enrollment, is linked here. The more recipients that we are able to enroll this study, the more information we will be able to quickly provide to the transplant community.

Also linked here is a list of frequently asked questions about the COVID vaccine for transplant patients along with additional information on the Hopkins study.

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