

COVID-19 Daily Update

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Dear Colleagues:

In order to provide updates on the evolving response and best practices related to the COVID-19 pandemic, AHP will be delivering brief, critical updates on an ongoing basis addressing important highlights and frequently asked questions.

TOMORROW: Monroe County Medical Society Telemedicine Webinar

MCMS will host a telemedicine webinar with Excellus on Wednesday, April 15th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. This event does not require pre-registration; just click [here](#) to login when the webinar begins Wednesday.

Daily COVID-19 Response Call

AHP will be hosting a call at 12:15 pm each weekday to share new information and/or be available for provider questions and concerns. Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 585 730 1255 or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/my/rsuttonahp>.

Anticipated Expansion of Essential Well Child Visits

As discussed on today's call (and barring a greater than anticipated surge related to COVID), we plan to update our guidance regarding non-essential visits. While we continue to recommend prioritization of Well Child Visits through age two as essential visits, effective May 3rd we will likely be recommending that primary care child health providers consider well child visits for 4 and 5 year old children in need of immunizations and developmental screening. Look for additional guidance on this subject later this month.

Reproductive Health During COVID-19

The Hoekelman Center LARC Initiative, in conjunction with the Department of Pediatrics, has published a list of local resources where patients can access free and confidential birth control during the outbreak; click [here](#) to view the list.

Providers are encouraged to consider LARC (nexplanon/IUDs) placement as an essential visit, while contraception counseling and other reproductive health conversations can be performed effectively via telephone or telehealth.

Expanded Universal Masking at UR Medicine

As announced on today's call, UR Medicine will expand its universal masking policy to include patients and anyone accompanying them to a UR Medicine clinical site effective Thursday, April 16th. UR Medicine revised their universal masking policy to better align with Monroe County's order for universal masking in public areas.

At UR Medicine outpatient locations, all patients -- regardless of COVID status -- who arrive without a mask will be provided one, along with their support person accompanying them. Cloth masks are acceptable protection if the patient (and/or their support person) arrives wearing one. Guidelines for the inpatient setting differ somewhat and are based on individual patient clinical status.

Save the Date: PPE Pickup

We are planning another PPE pick-up for next Wednesday, April 22nd between 9:00 and 10:30 am. Eligible practices have been contacted and asked to complete a PPE needs survey. Detailed instructions about the pickup will be provided early next week. Contact [Renee Sutton](#) with any questions.

[New Resources Online](#)

[PPE Doffing Checklist](#): Step-by-step guide for removing PPE while avoiding self-contamination
[Face Shield Cleaning Process](#): Process for decontamination and reuse of face shields

[No Changes: COVID Testing Guidance](#)

We continue to advise that stable febrile patients with flu-like symptoms remain at home in self-quarantine following the isolation guidelines [here](#); do not test or refer for testing. See the new Covid Testing Flowchart developed by UR Medicine providers for a more detailed algorithm [here](#).

We continue to partner with Dr. Mendoza and County Health Department officials on preparedness and response protocols and will convey information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued collaboration in this important public health endeavor.

All the best,



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COVID-19 Resource Links

[Golisano Children's Hospital Coronavirus Information for Families](#)

Project Teach: Seven Ways to Support Kids and Teens Through the Coronavirus Pandemic, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

[American Academy of Pediatrics COVID-19 Site](#)

Monroe County Health Department

CDC Coronavirus Site

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