

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: NO COVID-19 Response Call

Due to the relative stability in the course of the outbreak in our community and the slower influx of information related to it, AHP's COVID-19 response calls will be held at 12:15 pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Our next COVID-19 Response teleconference will be held at 12:15 pm, Wednesday, April 29th.

Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459

or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459>

TOMORROW: Behavioral Health Consultation - April 28th, 7:30 am

Join the AHP Behavioral Health team as well as members from our pharmacy, care management and social work teams every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:30am – 8:00 am via Zoom and/or phone for just in-time, virtual consultation support for the behavioral health needs of both your pediatric and adult patients. Click on the zoom link: <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/948873484> or dial in: (646) 876-9923, Meeting ID: 948 873 484.

REVISED: Newborn Nursery and COVID-19

The guidance first published on April 9th has been revised to recommend that newborns should not be discharged before **24 - 26** hours of life and ideally remain in the hospital for 36-48 hours **depending on the infant, family preference and availability of appropriate follow up**. For the full text of this revised guidance, including recommendations around breastfeeding and COVID+ mothers, click [here](#).

Online Resources

Excellus Telehealth Code Guidance: Grid of the most common telehealth codes and applicable modifiers and places of services based online of business

Maintaining Pediatric Primary Care Visits During COVID-19: Video with Dr. LJ Shipley discussing access to essential primary care visits, how operating rules have changed for children and tips for managing life with teenagers

ECHO Autism & Developmental Disorders: Information regarding an ECHO provider virtual learning network for improving care for patients with autism and other developmental disabilities

COVID Coach: App for iOS and Android developed by the Veterans Administration to support self-care and overall mental health during the pandemic

Corrected JAMA Northwell Study: This recent case series was updated to correct and clarify data relative to ventilator mortality

[From the Front Line of the COVID Response: Volunteering in NYC](#)

Westside Pediatrics provider and AHP member Gretchen Volk MD published this account of her time volunteering in a Brooklyn hospital earlier this month. Read Dr. Volk's *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle* column [here](#).

[CMS Suspends Advance Payment Program](#)

CMS announced today that it was suspending the Advance Payment Program, which advanced payments to Part B providers based on historical Medicare fee-for-service billing. Read more [here](#).

[COVID Testing Guidance](#)

In addition to testing for symptomatic healthcare and other essential workers and long term care residents, providers may consider testing for the following patients:

- Mild to moderately symptomatic patients
- Patients whose living arrangements are not amenable to isolation (e.g., multi-generational household, limitations of physical space, etc.)
- Patients whose employers require evidence of testing either to return to work or to access benefits related to COVID status
- Patients who will be undergoing an aerosolizing procedure (e.g., exercise stress test, endoscopy procedure, transesophageal echocardiography [TEE])

Testing reagent and supplies remain limited, so should collection outstrip testing capacity, this guidance may be revised.

[Upcoming Webinars:](#)

Best Practices for Re-Opening Private Practice Amidst COVID-19. Hosted by Physicians Practice magazine, Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 pm. Click [here](#) to register.

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](#)

[New York Department of Health Coronavirus site](#)

COVID-19 Online Databases

- [Greater Rochester Area COVID-19 Tracker](#)
- [Monroe County COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker](#)
- [NYS Nursing Home Fatalities](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus Interactive](#)
- [Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

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