

## COVID-19 Daily Update

---

Having trouble viewing this email? [View as Webpage](#)

April 29, 2020

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: Behavioral Health Consultation - Thursday, April 30th, 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.

### **NEXT COVID-19 Response Call - Friday, May 1st, 12:15 pm**

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, Friday, May 1st.** Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459 or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459>

### **Save the Date: PPE Pickup**

We are planning another PPE pick-up for next Wednesday, May 6th between 9:00 and 10:30 am. Eligible practices were provided a survey link for their current PPE need, and detailed instructions about the pickup will be provided early next week. Contact [Renee Sutton](#) with any questions

### **Online Resources**

**UPDATED Excellus Telehealth Code Guidance:** Grid of the most common telehealth codes and applicable modifiers and places of services based online of business, updated with correct description of codes 98966-98968

**Provider Relief Fund and Distribution Portal FAQs:** Guidance on the latest iteration of CARES funding; most relevant for practices with Medicare fee-for-service historical billing

### **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.**

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,



**[J. Chad Teeters, MD](#)**  
Executive Medical Director



**[LJ Shipley, MD](#)**  
Pediatric Medical Director



**[Renée Sutton](#)**  
Senior Director, Provider  
Relations

## Practice Resources on [ahpnetwork.com](#)

[Daily Updates Archive](#)

[Patient Resources Archive](#)

[Clinical Resources Archive](#)

[Business Resources Archive](#)

[Behavioral Health Archive](#)

[Payer Information Archive](#)

[Pediatric Resources Archive](#)

[Telemedicine Resources Archive](#)

[COVID Pharmacy Archive](#)

## 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](#)

---

To access more information on the value of AHP

Visit our website



Connect with us

