

COVID-19 Daily Update

April 2, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

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

Every Weekday: COVID-19 Response Call, 12:15 pm

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>.

SUNDAY COVID-19 Response Call

AHP will be hosting an update call at 7:00 pm this Sunday, April 5th to share new information and/or be available for provider questions and concerns. You may dial- in to **1 669 900 6833** and enter **Meeting ID: 585 730 1255**. You can also access the call via <https://urmc.zoom.us/my/rsuttonahp>

Save the Date: PPE Pickup

We are planning another PPE pick-up for next Wednesday, April 8th between 9:00 and 10:30 am. Eligible practices will be contacted early next week and asked about current PPE need. Detailed instructions about the pickup will be provided at that time as well. Contact [Renee Sutton](#) with any questions.

Save the Date: Independent Practice Meeting with Congressman Joe Morelle

Please hold 7:00 pm, Friday, April 3rd for a teleconference with Congressman Joe Morelle and other leaders for a discussion about practice finances, Small Business Administration resources and relevant timelines. Dial-in information will be provided once this meeting is confirmed.

Pediatric Meeting Follow-Up

As discussed in last night's meeting, pediatric practices will be receiving a multi-part survey, the results of which will inform AHP's ongoing advocacy efforts and surge planning. Please look for that email tomorrow, and contact [LJ Shipley](#) with any questions.

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](#).

****New guidance on testing may be forthcoming soon.****

Flu Testing Guidance

Based on declining flu prevalence and increasing COVID prevalence, we are recommending that practices discontinue point-of-care flu testing. As testing availability does not currently warrant COVID testing in mildly symptomatic individuals and because there is concern about COVID transmission for staff processing rapid flu swabs in the office, the current advice is to cease point-of-care flu testing to minimize risk to staff.

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](#)

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