

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: Behavioral Health Consultation - Tuesday, May 12th, 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 - Wednesday, May 13th, 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, Wednesday, May 13th.** Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459 or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459>

REMINDER: Pediatric-Focused Teleconference - May 13th, 7:00 pm

Providers caring for children are invited to join LJ Shipley at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 13th for a call to discuss the outbreak's ongoing impact and strategic approaches moving forward. We hope at least one provider from each practice will participate. An invitation was sent out earlier today with dial-in instructions.

Universal COVID Testing for SMH Admitted Patients Begins Wednesday, May 13

Effective Wednesday, May 13, all patients being admitted to Strong Memorial and Golisano Children's hospitals will be swab-tested for COVID-19, whether or not they have symptoms of the infection. Prior to this change, testing had been limited to all symptomatic patients and some asymptomatic patients in select circumstances. Other UR Medicine hospitals will evaluate and determine if and when to implement this policy.

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,



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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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COVID-19 Online Databases

- [Greater Rochester Area COVID-19 Tracker](#)
- [Monroe County COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
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