

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 - Thursday, May 21st, 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 22nd, 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 22nd.** Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459 or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459>

Expanded Essential Pediatric Preventive Visits Plan - Effective Date: May 26, 2020

In accordance with [new guidance from NYS DOH](#) to assure delivery of preventive care during the pandemic and with the understanding that primary care practices are able to promote appropriate physical distancing through scheduling and workflow modifications, have adequate PPE, and are utilizing all recommended precautions and cleaning/sanitizing practices, we will move forward with the following community consensus recommendations for pediatric primary care:

Effective next week Tuesday, May 26th, we recommend all WCC visits for newborns, children, and adolescents (without any age restriction) be conducted as in-office visits. For practices that need to prioritize these visits due to physical distancing measures or other reasons, the highest priority for preventive care remains our youngest children, ages 0-5; those patients requiring vaccinations or other in-office screenings such as lead testing, hearing, vision, and behavioral/developmental screenings; those patients with complex or chronic medical conditions that require physical examination or in-office monitoring/treatment; and those in need of LARC (long-acting reversible contraception) or Depo-Provera.

Face Shields: Clean 'Em and Keep 'Em

As discussed on today's call, the face shields provisioned by AHP should be sanitized and reused. Directions for sanitizing face shields can be found [here](#). Using face shields is a great strategy for preserving PPE: a procedure mask used in conjunction with a face shield can be used up to a week.

New Online Resources

PPP Loan Forgiveness Application: Download, complete and return to your PPP lender for loan forgiveness consideration.

COVID-19 Resumption of Elective Outpatient Surgeries: DOH guidance for surgery centers, office-based surgery (OBS) practices and Diagnostic and Treatment Centers.

COVID Testing Guidance

In response to the current constraint on testing resources, we are recommending that practices **pause office-based testing** at present with the **exception of pediatric patients with symptoms suggestive of Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (PMIS)**. Nasopharyngeal PCR and serologic (once available) testing is recommended for these patients.

For all others, if in the provider's clinical judgement testing is warranted, patients may be referred to UR Medicine Urgent Care.

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](#)

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COVID-19 Online Databases

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