

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.

NEXT COVID-19 Response Call - Monday, June 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, Monday, June 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, Wednesday, June 3rd, 9:00 - 10:30 am

We are planning our next PPE pick-up for Wednesday, June 3rd between 9:00 and 10:30 am. Eligible practices were provided a survey link for their current PPE needs, and detailed instructions about the pickup will be provided early next week. Contact [Renee Sutton](#) with any questions.

COVID Serologic Testing Available June 1st

As discussed on today's call, UR Medicine Labs will be ready to perform IgG serologic antibody testing effective Monday, June 1st. Referring patients to UR Labs for phlebotomy may be difficult due to volume of patients able to be accommodated, so community providers are advised to draw in the office and send the tube (SST or standard red top tube) to the lab. Clinicians should prioritize patients who had illness suggestive of COVID but who were unable to receive PCR testing.

URMC COVID Grand Rounds, Friday, June 5th, 12:00 - 1:15 pm

Community providers are invited to join this URM grand rounds on COVID therapeutics. Presentations from the COVID Treatment Team and the COVID Interventional Trials Working Group will include the current COVID treatment algorithm, the charge and activities of the working group, and information on the nature and status of trials expecting to enroll patients. Additional meeting information can be viewed [here](#); please note that references to CME are applicable only to UR-employed providers.

New Guidance for Schools Regarding Physicals

The NYS Department of Education recently provided new guidance to schools regarding school physicals. Included in the communication was direction to accept school health exam forms in any format, prior to January 30, 2021. (Although schools are asked to accept any type of exam form, the new NYS form is now available and can be downloaded [here](#).) Schools are also directed to allow student athletes to play without an updated physical so long as they had a physical for school attendance in the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school years.

Read the entire NYS Department of Education communication [here](#).

Adolescent Immunization Combo 2 guidance

In alignment with the expanded essential pediatric preventive visits, effective May 26, 2020, we have added some online resources around the HPV vaccination that is included in the Adolescent Immunization Combo 2, along with Meningococcal and Tdap vaccine. You will find the HPV guidance on the AHP website [here](#), while the definition of the HEDIS measure can be viewed [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])

it is likely that these studies will be sent to an outside lab for processing with a turnaround of anywhere from two to five days.

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](#)
- [NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker](#)
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