

COVID-19 Daily Update

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May 6, 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, May 7th, 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 8th, 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 8th.** 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 6, 2020

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 today, May 6th, we recommend all WCC visits for children ages 0-5 years be considered essential, along with 10-13 year olds, and 16-18 year olds, with priority for newborns, babies and toddlers through 2 years (related to immunizations and need for physical examination, lead screening, hemoglobin testing, etc) AND 4 or 5 year olds needing immunization booster vaccines.

Including all well child visits 0-5 years is essential because of the critical, time-sensitive need for monitoring growth, vision, hearing and developmental/social-emotional risks requiring referral and intervention.

By adding the 10-13 year olds and 16-18 year olds, we expand our focus on vaccine-preventable disease (Tdap, Meningococcal vaccines and HPV [ideally with the two dose series completed by the 13th birthday]), along with other important screening and connection for pre-teens and adolescents. Additional essential preventive visits have always included those for children who may be behind in vaccinations, or who require a physical exam and monitoring/treatment related to complex or chronic conditions, and those in need of LARC (long-acting reversible contraception)

or Depo-Provera.

The collaborative Pediatric Primary Care advisory group will continue to meet weekly, follow community rates of infection, and monitor guidance from MCDOH and NYS.

UR Medicine Pre-Operative COVID Testing Site Moves to Monroe Avenue

As communicated recently, all patients undergoing elective surgeries and/or non-urgent procedures requiring moderate or deep sedation or general anesthesia are required to be PCR tested for COVID-19 no more than 72 hours before the surgery and/or procedure. UR Medicine has opened a testing site located at 1520 Monroe Ave in Rochester for this purpose, replacing the pre-op testing site that had been operating at the Sawgrass Surgery Center.

Providers may refer patients who are scheduled for a qualifying procedure to this location. No appointment is necessary, but the patient must have physician orders which may be faxed to (585) 784-7905.

SAVE THE DATE: 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 will be sent out shortly with dial-in instructions.

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](#)

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COVID-19 Online Databases

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