

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, May 11th, 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, May 11th.** Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459 or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459>

Paycheck Protection Program Funds Still Available

From a May 6th email from Empire State Development, "With over \$100 billion in PPP funds still available from Round 2, the U.S. Small Business Administration is encouraging upstate New York small businesses and nonprofits to apply for PPP loans to help provide them eight weeks of payroll and certain overhead to keep workers employed...SBA forgives the portion of Paycheck Protection loan proceeds used to cover the first eight weeks of payroll costs, rent, utilities, and mortgage interest."

Practices are encouraged to contact their lending institution for more information about this latest tranche of funding.

ECHO Autism & Developmental Disorders

Click [here](#) for details about an ECHO provider virtual learning network for improving care for patients with autism and other developmental disabilities. Providers may register for this ECHO by clicking [here](#).

Free LARC WEBINAR - Wednesday May 13th, 10:30am-12:00pm

Presented by Greater Rochester LARC Initiative, a program of the Hoekelman Center in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester, this talk's participants will learn about LARC, how to talk to teens about birth control, and how to connect teens to local family planning clinics. Instructions for accessing the Zoom meeting will be provided upon registration, which is limited to 40 participants. Based on demand, additional sessions will be scheduled. Click [here](#) to register.

New Online Resources

[UnitedHealthcare Update](#): Including cost-share waiver for office-based professional services (both in-person and telehealth) for Medicare Advantage members for dates of service May 11 through at least September 30th

[Latest MVP FastFax](#): Details about coverage for COVID treatment, including serologic testing and

inpatient stays.

[COVID Seroconversion Study:](#) Downloadable pdf of the study discussed on today's call

[Hyperinflammatory Syndrome Summary:](#) Includes link to the full Lancet article,

"Hyperinflammatory shock in children during COVID-19 pandemic."

[Monroe County Mask Distribution:](#) Locations for the May 9th and May 13th mask distributions.

Please note: pickup times for all sites are 10 am to 2 pm.

[Free Milk Distribution:](#) Details about the free milk distribution at the University of Rochester River campus, Monday May 11th.

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](#)
- [NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker](#)
- [NYS Nursing Home Fatalities](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus Interactive](#)
- [Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

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