

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.

Reminder: No COVID-19 Response Call Tomorrow Friday, June 5th

To allow AHP staff and providers to attend the URM COVID-19 Grand Rounds (details below), we will not conduct a COVID response call this Friday, June 5th. **Our next COVID-19 Response teleconference will be held at 12:15 pm, Monday, June 8th.** Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459 or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459>

Pending Legislation Impacting PPP

The Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act of 2020 has been passed by Congress, and it is anticipated to be signed into law imminently. The law would implement a number of changes to the current Paycheck Protection Program including:

- Extension of the covered period from eight weeks to 24 weeks
- Removing limits on loan forgiveness relative to rehiring employees
- Lowering the 75% requirement for amount of loan proceeds to be spent on payroll to 60%

Click [here](#) to read about additional features of the new legislation. Once the legislation has been signed into law, we will update our PPP compliance document with this new information.

Excellus Telemedicine Webinar Announced

Excellus has scheduled a telehealth presentation for Thursday, June 11th at noon. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about coding and reimbursement for preventive outreach and well care visits, among other topics. Pre-registration is required; contact Excellus Provider Relations via [email](#) to sign up.

Media for COVID PCR Testing in Community Practices

AHP continues to work with URM supply chain resources to obtain an allocation of test kits to share with our private primary care practices. We expect to have more information on our call Monday, June 8th, and we'll be conducting a poll to inform our understanding of the volume of kits that will be needed.

Time Change: URM COVID Grand Rounds, Friday, June 5th, 12:00 - 12:50 pm

The URM COVID Grand Rounds scheduled for tomorrow will now be ending at 12:50 pm to allow for participation at the White Coats for Black Lives demonstration scheduled for 1:00 pm (read more about that event [here](#)). In place of a Q&A after the presentations, Grand Rounds participants can enter questions via Zoom Chat. A compilation of the questions and answers will be shared next week at this intranet [link](#) which will also include a video of the entire grand rounds presentation. Interested providers may register for the COVID Grand Rounds by clicking [here](#). Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom information necessary to dial in.

COVID PCR Testing Clinical 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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