

## COVID-19 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: Next COVID-19 Response Call, Thursday, January 21st

Due to the Martin Luther King Day holiday, we have adjusted this week's call schedule. **Our next call will be held at 12:15 pm, Thursday, January 21st.**

Click on the Zoom link <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459> or dial in to (669) 900 6833, Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459. **Please check out the [AHP YouTube](#) channel for recorded Zoom calls you may have missed.**

### COVID Vaccination for Healthcare Workers

Due to vaccine allocation shortages, we do not anticipate UPMC clinic openings for community health care workers this week. As soon as we have any information about new clinics that will accommodate eligible private practice healthcare workers, we will share it.

### New Online Resources

**[Contact Tracing and Quarantine: It Takes a Village](#)**: Guidance on quarantine timelines and definitions

**[MVP Fast Fax COVID Vaccine Reimbursement](#)**: Information on coding and reimbursement

### COVID Vaccine and Allergies

The AHP Pharmacy team has provided the following guidance relative to COVID vaccination and allergies:

- Per the CDC and FDA EAU guidance, patients with a history of anaphylaxis to any ingredient of the mRNA vaccines - polyethylene glycol or polysorbate - should not get the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Patients with a history of severe allergic reactions not related to vaccines** -egg, food, pets, venom, environmental or latex; allergies to oral or biologic medications; or family history of severe allergy - **may get vaccinated.**
- It is recommended that patients with history of severe allergic reactions or an immediate reaction to a vaccine or injectable therapy wait at the healthcare facility for 30 minutes after their vaccine to be monitored for severe allergic reaction.
- Patients should speak with staff administering the vaccine to alert them to any allergy issues.

Refer to the CDC website for more details on COVID-19 vaccine and allergic reactions found [here](#). The CDC's vaccination pre-screening questionnaire, including rationale for each question, can be viewed [here](#).

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](#)
- [Monroe County COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker](#)
- [NYS Nursing Home Fatalities](#)

- [CDC Coronavirus Interactive](#)
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