

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.

COVID Vaccination for 1A Healthcare Workers

NYS hospital systems are largely responsible for vaccinating healthcare workers, and their vaccine allocation is derived from the number of 1A workers still awaiting vaccination. To ensure that UR Medicine is allocated vaccine appropriately, we are asking each AHP practice to [email Chad Teeters](#) and provide the following information:

- Number of staff who have already been vaccinated (please include **both** those who are fully vaccinated **AND** those who have received the first dose and are awaiting the second)
- Number of staff currently declining to be vaccinated
- Number of staff awaiting vaccination

For practices who have staff who would like to be vaccinated but whose names you have not yet submitted, you may also send that info to Chad using the template you can download [here](#).

Walk-In EKG at UR Medicine Adult Cardiology

As reviewed on today's call, patients age 18 and older for whom the primary care provider needs an EKG related to the return to exercise following COVID protocol may be sent to any UR Medicine general cardiology outpatient clinic on a walk-in basis. Providers are asked to call ahead to alert staff of the referral and to provide a fax number that can be used to return the results. For a list of UR Medicine cardiology sites, click [here](#). **Please note that walk-in EKGs are not available at the speciality clinic sites listed at the link.**

Expanded COVID Vaccine Eligibility

We have received a number of inquiries concerning the governor's announcement that the COVID vaccination eligibility criteria would be expanded to include underlying health conditions. Click [here](#) to see the expanded list. **Please note that this eligibility is not effective until February 15, 2021.** As soon as NYS DOH releases guidance to accompany the new criteria, we will share that information with the network.

Next COVID Response Call: Wednesday, February 17th

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 now be held at 12:15 pm every Wednesday. **Our next COVID-19 Response teleconference will be held at 12:15 pm, Wednesday, February 17th.** Please dial-in to 1 669 900 6833 and enter Meeting ID: 989 6918 4459 or click <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/98969184459>

Next Behavioral Health Call - Tuesday, February 16th, 12:15 to 1:00 pm

Join the AHP Behavioral Health team as well as members from our pharmacy, care management and social work teams every Tuesday from 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm via Zoom and/or phone for just in-time, virtual consultation support for the behavioral health needs of both your pediatric and adult patients.

Users have two options for participation:

- Phone only: Dial 1 (646) 876-9923, enter Meeting ID 92843450755 and Password 702578
- Computer: Click the link below which has the password

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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