

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 Patients: What We Know Today

Patients with underlying health conditions

Effective February 15th, patients with specific comorbidities or underlying conditions (click [here](#) for the list) are eligible to be vaccinated. These patients should be directed to their county's Department of Health to schedule at a county-run mass vaccination site or to a state-run site like the Dome Arena. Patients in the nine Finger Lakes Vaccine Hub counties can find information on the Hub's website located [here](#). Patients in this category who live within a Finger Lakes Hub county need only sign an attestation of their eligibility; **they will not need to provide proof of their condition.**

Patients age 65+

While UR Medicine continues to make outbound calls to schedule vaccination for patients age 65 and over, the supply of vaccine available for this purpose is limited to what is left over from their 1A healthcare worker supply. For this reason, **we are now directing practices to advise patients that they should plan to schedule vaccination on their own at a state-run site or pharmacy.** The links below direct users directly to the scheduling site of each pharmacy:

- [Kinney Drugs](#)
- [Rite-Aid](#)
- [TOPS Friendly Markets](#)
- [Wegmans](#)

Patients may also be directed to the [Finger Lakes Region Vaccine Hub](#) for information about state-run mass vaccination sites.

1B Essential Workers

The list of eligible essential workers can be viewed [here](#). These patients should be directed to the [Finger Lakes Region Vaccine Hub](#) website and advised to schedule vaccination on their own at a state- or county-run mass vaccination site.

1A Healthcare Workers

While we believe that the vast majority of 1A eligible healthcare workers in AHP who wish to be vaccinated already have been, UR Medicine continues to offer vaccination to this population as vaccine supply allows. Contact [Renée Sutton](#) if you have additional eligible healthcare workers who wish to be vaccinated.

SAVE THE DATE: PPE Pickup, Wednesday, February 24th

Our next PPE pick-up will be held **Wednesday, February 24th between 9:00 and 10:30 am**. Eligible practices were provided a survey link to communicate their current PPE needs, and detailed instructions for the pick-up will be provided early next week. Contact [Kevin Kelley](#) with any questions.

Interested in saving money on medical supplies including PPE? Contact [Renée Sutton](#) to learn more about AHP's new program with Medline.

Next COVID Response Call: Wednesday, February 24th

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 24th.** 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 23rd, 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 embedded <https://urmc.zoom.us/j/92843450755pwd=c2UxS0FJM3ISUXRVRXE5bTIBNmV5dz09>

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](#)

[New York Department of Health Coronavirus site](#)

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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